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Dear [Redacted],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Unpublished Invoices

Thank you for your request for information of 21 January 2020 about invoice data. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response are detailed below.

For a typical month please could you let me know:

- 1. the number of invoices that are not published in the department's transparency spend data due to confidentiality reasons?*
- 2. the total value of these invoices that are not published in the department's transparency spend data due to confidentiality reasons?*

The following table shows the volume and value of unpublished invoices for three recent months. They are typically withheld when they contain personal or sensitive information or are deemed to be a security risk.

	August 2019	September 2019	October 2019
Number of Unpublished Invoices	6	4	9
Total Value of Unpublished Invoices	£205,549	£189,472	£325,456

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If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.



Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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