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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14th April 2020 requesting the following information:

"I want to submit a request for some information from the organisation, in relation to their contract's register.

The contract register should display all the organisations existing/live contracts I would like the register to display the following columns/headings:

1. *Contract Reference*
2. *Contract Title*
3. *Procurement Category*
4. *Supplier Name*
5. *Spend (Total or Annual)*
6. *Contract Duration*
7. *Contract Extensions*
8. *Contract Starting Date*
9. *Expiration Date*
10. *Contract Description [Please provide me with as much detail as possible.]*
11. *Contact Owner (Full contact details if possible.)*
12. *CPV codes/ProClass*

Contract Data/API Contact Details

13. *Can you also provide me with contact details of the person responsible for the actual contract's register or someone responsible for API? [Name, Job Title, Telephone, Email Address] At the very least provide me with their actual job title.*

(Meaning of API "a set of functions and procedures that allow the creation of applications which access the features or data of an operating system, application, or other service.")

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that UKHO holds the information on the subject you have requested. However, I have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because to the information in scope of your request would involve an in-depth review of over 300 live contracts. To retrieve all the requested details would involve at least 11-man days of effort as each contract will require a degree of review, some more in-depth than

others to consider what information may be released or withheld in accordance with any FOI exemptions.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The UKHO may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you reduce or refine your request to bring the cost of compliance under the limit. This could be achieved by asking a select number of questions from the list requested. Please note, some of the information requested may be found using Contracts Finder, the central government repository for all contracts, as much of the high level information requested is published for all contracts let over £10'000. Please use the following link- <https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>. To find contracts over £165'000 please use the following link - www.ted.europa.eu.

Please contact me if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so.

With regards to Questions 13, please see the following job title: Interim Director of Corporate Services and Finance. All other information requested in Question 13 is withheld under Section 40(2) in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulation 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

UKHO Secretariat