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Dear

Your request for information to Office of Manpower Economics (OME) dated 21 February, 2020- Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your FOI request of 21 February relating to Information Technology, seeking the following information:

1. Are the Data Centre's operated by or for the organisation fit for purpose? For example, is there a Business Continuity Plan, is there Disaster Recovery in place or is it a single site?

2. Is there any capital investment in data centres planned in the next 36 months? For example, Mechanical & Electrical or refresh of equipment within the DC such as network, storage area network?

3. Is data privacy and or information security compliance a priority for the organisation's board?

4. On your Organisation's risk register, are there any Information Technology related risks?

i) If time/ cost allows, please list the top three related risks.

5. Are the cyber security vulnerabilities within the organisation's existing Information Technology estate increasing?

i) Has the organisation had a security breach in the past 12 months?

6. Did the organisation meet its Information Technology savings target in the last Financial Year?

7. What percentage of Information Technology budget is currently allocated to "on-premises" capability vs "cloud" capability?

8. Does the organisation have the skills and resource levels necessary for moving to the cloud?

9. What percentage of the Information Technology department headcount are software developers?

10. In relation to contracts with Amazon Web Services, Microsoft for Azure and/or Google for Google Cloud, was the monthly expenditure higher than budgeted?

i) If yes, has the organisation been able to subsequently reduce the cost whilst maintaining service levels for users?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require;
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I am able to answer your first question only. We do have a Business Continuity Plan and that is managed by the Departmental Security Team. We do not have the answers to your other questions. OME is funded by the <u>Department for Business</u>, <u>Energy and Industrial</u> <u>Strategy</u> (BEIS), and BEIS would be responsible for managing the IT services provided to the Office.

Consequently, you may wish to contact BEIS FOI team for the information you are seeking.

You can write to:

Information Rights Unit, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

Or you can email them at: FOI.Requests@beis.gov.uk

Appeals Procedure

If you are unhappy with the way the Office of Manpower Economics has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact me at the Office of Manpower Economics if you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire Yours sincerely,

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