

From: [Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request - Questions about transparency measures
Date: 23 August 2022 12:01:43

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails of 12 and 15 August. Our responses to your questions are set out in bold below:

When was your organisation's framework agreement last reviewed or updated?

The Framework Document between the SSRO and MOD was last updated in May 2022. It can be found on the "governance" page of the SSRO's website, or at the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1079039/20220518_SSRO_Framework_Document_-_FINAL.pdf

Do you carry out impact assessments before introducing a new policy or regulation?

The SSRO is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Ministry of Defence (MOD). The MOD created the regulatory framework for single source defence contracts through the Defence Reform Act 2014, and is responsible for introducing policy and regulation in this area. The SSRO's purpose is to deliver its statutory functions to support and improve the operation of the regulatory framework. You may wish to note the MOD's recent Impact Assessment, carried out in relation to proposed changes to the Defence Reform Act 2014 under the Procurement Bill: [Impact Assessment template \(parliament.uk\)](#).

Do you keep a register of interests for board members or senior figures, and if so, can you please supply me with a copy of the latest version?

The SSRO maintains a register of the private interests held by Board and referral panel members. The purpose of the register is to give members the mechanism to publicly declare any private interests which may conflict, or may be perceived to conflict, with their public duties. The register of interests can be found on the governance page of the SSRO's website, or at the following link: [Register of Interests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

Do you keep a register of hospitality/gifts received by board members or senior figures, and if so, can you also supply me with data for the last three years?

The SSRO publishes quarterly details of any gifts and hospitality that staff and Board members have received or provided. The declarations made between 2015 and 2022

can be found on the governance page of the SSRO's website, or at the following link:
[SSRO gifts and hospitality - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/single-source-regulations-office/about-us/governance).

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Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 August 2022 13:20

To: Enquiries <enquiries@ssro.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request - Questions about transparency measures

Dear [REDACTED],

Thanks for your correspondence. Can I please clarify question 1 in my original request so that it now reads:

(1) When was your organisation's framework agreement last reviewed or updated?

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your freedom of information request, which we have allocated reference RFI 063. We will respond within 20 working days, by 12 September 2022.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 August 2022 14:48
To: Enquiries <[SSRO request email]>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Questions about transparency measures

Dear Single Source Regulations Office,

Can you please tell me the following?

- (1) When was your organisation's framework agreement last updated?
- (2) Do you carry out impact assessments before introducing a new policy or regulation?
- (3) Do you keep a register of interests for board members or senior figures, and if so, can you please supply me with a copy of the latest version?
- (4) Do you keep a register of hospitality/gifts received by board members or senior figures, and if so, can you also supply me with data for the last three years?

Yours faithfully,



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