

**Reference: 2025-071**

Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

- 1. Number of MFDs (Multi-functional devices) & photocopiers at Serious Fraud Office.**
- 2. Name of Incumbent supplier.**
- 3. Start/end date of contract (if expired, WHEN do you expect to revisit the marketplace).**
- 4. Details of any extension options.**
- 5. What framework / Route to market used.**
- 6. Number of regular/desktop printers (in addition to above).**
- 7. Is there a support contract on above, if yes please state start/end date.**
- 8. Does SFO have a Print Room.**
- 9. If yes to above, please advise (a) name of supplier (b) number of devices (c) contract end date (d) details of any extension options.**
- 10. Total annual print/copy volumes including, if applicable your Print Room, for (a) mono (b) colour.**
- 11. What Print software does SFO run.**
- 12. Your total annual spend on print.**
- 13. Who at SFO is responsible for this contract.**

## **Response**

Please see below our response to your questions.

### **Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12**

The information we hold is commercially sensitive and therefore engages section 43 (2) of the FOIA.

Section 43(2) of the FOIA deals with commercial interests and provides that:

*Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).*

### **How the exemption is engaged**

The requested information could detriment to the SFO's commercial interests if released by weakening its negotiating position with future suppliers. It could also detriment the commercial interests of the supplier when engaging future clients. As such, this information is exempt from release under section 43(2) of the FOIA.

### **Public interest test**

Section 43 of FOIA is a qualified exemption. As such, it requires consideration of whether the public interest in exempting the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing whether the public authority holds the information. More information about exemptions in general and the public interest test is available on the ICO's website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

We understand the importance of publicising information about the SFO's use of public resources and funding. However, we do not believe that the release of those information which we hold would add significantly to these factors and therefore feel there is minimal public

interest in releasing this material. Further, as outlined above, the SFO is compliant with the reporting requirements across government, which requires the publication of data surrounding procurement processes on the Contracts Finder website: [Contracts Finder - GOV.UK](#).

We have therefore concluded that the balance of the public interest is in favour of not disclosing the information requested as the commercial interests weigh in favour of not sharing this detail externally.

**Question 5**

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**Question 6**

Not applicable

**Question 8**

Yes

**Question 10**

Total annual print volumes by the end of 2024:

- a) B/W 43,296.
- b) Colour 252,627.

**Question 13**

Our Commercial Team.