**Reference: 2025-084**

Thank you for your further email, following our response to your previous request. In this email you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

**I would like to clarify that my request has not changed in scope — I am not seeking a new or broader dataset. My original request was for invoice-level information relating to suppliers paid later than 30 days, including:**

1. **Supplier name**
2. **Invoice date**
3. **Gross invoice value**
4. **Payment date**
5. **Late payment interest or compensation (if any)**

**I appreciate your concern that identifying all suppliers who were paid late and calculating the interest potentially due under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act could be resource-intensive. With that in mind, and in the spirit of Section 16 FOIA, I am happy to remove Point 5 from the request to avoid this manual burden.**

**Response**

We have carefully considered your revised request. Unfortunately, even with the removal of point 5 regarding late payment interest, I must advise that processing your request would still exceed the cost threshold under section 12 of the FOIA. This is because compliance with your request would require us to review approximately six years' worth of payment data and redact numerous individual names to protect personal information under the Data Protection Act 2018.

The manual work involved in identifying and redacting this personal data across such a substantial dataset would be considerable and costly to the department. We estimate that completing this task would require more than 25 hours of work at an expected cost of £616.99, placing it well beyond the section 12 threshold.

In accordance with section 16 of the Act, I would encourage you to consider further refining your request. You might wish to consider; narrowing the time period; focusing on specific categories of suppliers (excluding individual practitioners); requesting aggregated data rather than invoice-level detail.

Unless we receive a refined request, we now consider this matter closed.