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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 6th May 2025 containing your request for information. The Government Legal Department ("GLD") have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act", "FOIA

Original FOI request

I would like to look over the data on how many public sector contracts have been dropped by Government departments due to the contractor not following through on ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) commitments.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to know the number of contracts (if any) your department has terminated or not extended due to the provider failing on its ESG commitments? For example, failing to produce a Carbon Reduction Plan.

If it looks as though the work involved in responding to this FOI request is going to exceed the time permitted under the FOIA, then please contact me as soon as possible to discuss how I can reduce the scope of this request.

Additional FOI request

Following on from my FOI request below regarding Government contracts being cancelled or not renewed due to failing to meet their ESG commitments, I would like to add a timeframe to the request.

Please provide data broken down by year for each of the five years, with a year-end of March 31.

If you are not able to provide a year-end of March 31, please provide whatever year-end you use internally.

If you cannot provide five years of data, please provide four years of data. If you cannot provide four years of data, please provide three years of data. If you cannot provide three years of data, please provide two years of data. If you cannot provide two years of data, please provide one year of data.

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a), GLD confirms that it holds the information you have requested.

We are not aware of any contracts with suppliers being cancelled or not renewed due to them failing to meet their Environmental, Social and Governance commitments.

Your Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask GLD for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted to GLD within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original correspondence. Please use the contact details provided at the top of this letter in order to request an internal review relating to your original request.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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