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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10th June 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")

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would request you to respond to questions included in the attachment.

For any reason if you are unable to open the attachment do let me know. I can then send the questions within the email itself.

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, GLD confirms that it holds the information you have requested.

You requested information regarding the number of devices deployed by the organisation, and future procurement and budgetary plans for a range of IT and digital services. Our response is set out below.

Q1 – Number of Devices Deployed

We are able to provide the following figures for end-user devices, which are not considered sensitive:

Device Type	Number of Devices
Desktop PCs	58
Laptops	2328
Mobile Phones	1800
Printers	0
Multi-Functional Devices	88
Tablets	23

However, information on the following categories is withheld under Section 31(1)(a) of the FOIA – Law Enforcement, as disclosure would be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime:

- Physical Servers
- Storage Devices (e.g. NAS, SAN)
- Networking Infrastructure (e.g. switches, routers, wireless access points)
- Security Infrastructure (e.g. firewalls, IDS, antivirus tools)

Public Interest Test – Section 31

While we acknowledge the public interest in transparency regarding IT asset use, this is outweighed by the need to protect the organisation's infrastructure from potential threats. Disclosure of detailed technical data could expose vulnerabilities and assist malicious actors in targeting our systems.

Q2–Q4 – Procurement and Budget Forecasts (2025–2029)

“Does your organisation have any plans to procure below services.

Q2 –Example: Platform as a service

- a. Cloud computing*
- b. Software as a Service (SaaS)*
- c. Platform as a Service (PaaS)*
- d. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)*
- e. Anything as a Service (XaaS)*

Q3-Example: IoT security

- a. Network Security*
- b. Cloud Security*
- c. Endpoint Security*
- d. Mobile Security*
- e. IoT Security*
- f. Application Security*

Q4-Example: Data and Analytics

- a. Data and Analytics*
- b. AI and Automation*
- c. Digital Transformation*
- d. ERP Systems*

We are withholding detailed financial information requested in Questions 2, 3, and 4 under Section 43(2) of the FOIA – Commercial Interests.

Disclosure of multi-year spend forecasts and planned procurement activity could prejudice our ability to negotiate competitively, distort the supplier market, and adversely affect the organisation's commercial interests.

Public Interest Test – Section 43

Although there is public interest in government spending transparency, this is outweighed by the public interest in protecting the integrity and fairness of future procurements, and ensuring best value for the taxpayer.

Q5 – Implementation of AI and Automation

“Has your organisation implemented any form of AI or Automation services, and if not, what is the reason for not implementing?”

- b. Minor implementation with completed AI strategy*

The organisation has completed the initial Microsoft Copilot trial for Microsoft 365 as part of its exploration of AI-supported productivity tools. This forms part of a broader strategic approach to assessing the value and impact of AI and automation technologies in public service delivery.

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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