

12 September 2008

Sent via e-mail

Dear Mr Griffiths

Reference: Freedom of Information Request: 1791-f45f6585

I refer to your recent request, reference as above.

In that request concerning the department's Total facilities Management contract you asked:

- When was they contract signed and when did the contract officially commence;
- To be provided with a copy of the Tender Document including the evaluation criteria;
- To be provided with a copy of the winning tender;
- To be provided with a copy of the winning bid;
- To be provided with a copy of the evaluation scores for all the bidders.

I can confirm that the Cabinet Office holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for Central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 1/2 days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.



The regulations also stipulates that in certain circumstances the cost of answering more than one request can be added together or aggregated for the purpose of estimating whether the appropriate limit would be exceeded in relation to any one of those requests.

As background, there is further information here about the aggregation of requests on the Ministry of Justice's website here:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/foi-procedural-fees.htm#aggregation>

and a copy of the regulations is available here:

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/20043244.htm>

In the circumstances of your latest request, I should explain that the Cabinet Office has already reached that appropriate limit in providing the information to your earlier requests, as given in our letters dated 18 August and 8 September 2008

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the Cabinet Office reference number shown above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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Director
Cabinet Office
70 Whitehall
London
SW1A 2AS
email: foiteam@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk

You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House

Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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