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Dear Mr Metcalfe

Thank you for your email of 19 August seeking information about "the new website at [www.number10.gov.uk](http://www.number10.gov.uk)".

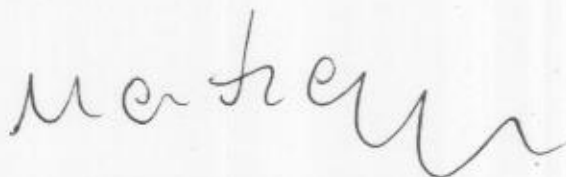
Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The total costs of any work carried out will be included in the Cabinet Office annual accounts. Resource accounts for the Cabinet Office are laid after the end of each financial year before the House of Commons under sections 6 and 7 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000. They are then published. The information that you have requested is therefore covered by section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act (information intended for future publication). This exemption is subject to a public interest test. The Cabinet Office recognises that there is a general argument in favour of release of this information, in order for the public to ensure that Government is delivering value for money. At the same time the purpose of publishing the information in one go is to ensure that, while continuing to meet its commitment to openness, the Cabinet Office makes the best use of public resources by doing this activity as efficiently as possible rather than in a piecemeal fashion. Therefore the balance of public interest in this instance favours withholding the information at this stage.

I can confirm that we do not hold any other information in relation to your request. I should explain that Government procurement policy allows for the Prime Minister's Office not to select its suppliers through competition if there are justifiable reasons to do otherwise. Reasons include value for money, the timescale involved and specialist nature of the project. A

number of different suppliers were used in the recent revamp of the Number 10 website on a short-term project basis. In the event of any long-term, more substantial contracts being issued in the future, we envisage conducting a formal tendering.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Flanagan', written in a cursive style.

**MARK FLANAGAN**

Mr Harry Metcalfe



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If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received from this office in relation to any aspect of your request, you may ask for an internal review.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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