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Dear James

### **Request for Information under the Freedom of information Act 2000 (the "Act")**

Thank you for your email received 11 May 2010 in which you made several further requests for information from One North East. I can confirm that we have completed our investigations into your queries and enclose both your questions and our responses at Appendix 1 to this letter.

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Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Barnett', with a small flourish at the end.

**Nicola Barnett**  
Specialist Advisor  
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## APPENDIX 1 – Additional SSC queries

<p>1.</p>	<p>Re: (1) and (2) Business Cases NE004134, NE004081 and NE005325 received via FOI appear to provide different information to that provided in the FOI responses in relation to Single Programme funding and Outputs.</p> <p>FOI response via email on the 30th March 2010 states "There is no discrepancy. The total funding for the entire SSC Enterprise Programme is £2,105,030." Business cases NE004134 &amp; NE004081 &amp; NE005325 appears to be £2,889,353.</p> <p>Please clarify the actual Single Programme funding and Outputs contracted with clear, unambiguous reasons for any differences between actual and signed off business cases for SSC Enterprise and SSC Education and Innovation strands.</p> <p>If the clarification refers to business cases that have not been provided then please provide them.</p>	<p>Note that NE005325 is not part of Sunderland Software City.</p> <p>For clarity, the project named SSC Enterprise Programme is a project (NE004801), with a value of £2,105,030 which comprises of Single Programme &amp; ERDF funding</p> <p><b>Single Programme Funding Only</b></p> <p>NE004801 (not NE004081) - £1,250,353  NE004134 - £1,303,000  NE004802 - £1,945,143</p> <p><b>Outputs</b></p> <p>For the avoidance of any doubt the signed off outputs are as per the business cases previously provided.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Re: (3) Please confirm that the procurement of all services, supplies and goods, including the tender specifications for the provision of any services to the BIC for this initiative, is fully compliant with this handbook (eg sufficient degree of advertising, tender design, conflicts of interests of consultants etc.),</p> <p>If not, please specify any departures from the procurement rules and reasons for these variations.</p>	<p>The NE BIC ran the procurement process and as such the Agency does not hold the relevant information.</p> <p>In order to provide help and assistance we have contacted the BIC, who have provided the statement below in relation to SSC.</p> <p>"procurement of all services, supplies and goods, including the tender specifications for the provision of any services to the BIC for this initiative, is fully compliant with this handbook (eg sufficient degree of advertising, tender design, conflicts of interests of consultants etc)."</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Please provide copies of tender documentation and details of award (company name and value of tender awarded).</p>	<p>Please see (2) above. The Agency does not hold this information.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Re: 4) Please confirm that declarations on the website have been updated and date when they were updated. Please clarify any conflicts of interest that have been declared during any activity as per 3) and if none please clearly state none.</p>	<p>The Agency's offline declarations of interest register is updated on an ad hoc basis. The website version is updated at quarterly intervals or on special request (as in this case).</p> <p>Upon request the Secretariat team</p>

		have updated the website register on 12 May 2010.
5.	An incomplete response had been provided for "Total number of staff on payroll directly and solely involved in delivering this initiative and details of legal entity employing them", please provide a complete response.	This information is not held by the Agency. However in order to provide help and assistance, we have requested assistance from the NE BIC. This information has been provided to you in an email on 14 May 2010.
6.	The response to the "Breakdown of overhead costs for operating this initiative" for the "BIC overheads" was stated as £72,824. This figure seems incredibly low and does not appear to correlate with the business cases, eg one business case NE004134 appears to have overheads of c£593k excluding salaries. Please provide a clear and unambiguous response.	NE004801 BIC overheads are £72,824.  NE004134 is a separate project and not comparable.