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Sent via e-mail

Dear Iain,

Reference: FOI254791

This letter relates to your request for information of Tuesday 26 February 2008, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), my response of Wednesday 2 April 2008 stating that we reasonable require further information in order take this matter further and your subsequent response of Monday 7 April 2008.

In your original request, you asked for details of the overall spending by Cabinet Office on the following projects and capabilities since 1st January 2005 and which companies this expenditure has been placed with:

- Flex
- e-RM
- e-Transformation
- The Knowledge Network
- HR and Finance Shared Services
- Government Secure Intranet

I can confirm that the Cabinet Office holds information falling within the description specified in your requests. However, we estimate that 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 is £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

If you were to make a new request for a more narrow category of information, it may be that we could comply with that request within the appropriate limit, although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number 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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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

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Yours sincerely

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