

ANNEX A

Exemption in full:

Section 43

(1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret or (2) if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any persons (including the public authority holding it). (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1 (1) (a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2).

<i>Factors for disclosure</i>	<i>Factors for withholding</i>
<p>That there is a transparency in the accountability of public funds.</p> <p>That there is proper scrutiny of government actions.</p>	<p>DVLA's bargaining position when negotiating with outside bodies who required card production services would be affected should the actual cost of production of cards be divulged.</p> <p>As a result, DVLA's ability to raise revenue from providing card production services to outside bodies could be adversely affected.</p> <p>Reduced revenue from selling the card production services would mean that greater funding would be required either from the treasury or increased fees.</p>

Reasons why public favours withholding information

As DVLA are involved in commercially selling its card production services to outside bodies, to release the actual amount that producing the card costs, would have an adverse effect on negotiating the best price for this service. This would have a knock on effect on DVLA's status as a Trading Fund.