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Paul Griffiths

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OUR REFERENCE FOI260675

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Dear Mr Griffiths

FOI REQUEST – CONTRACTS WITH PWC

I am writing to confirm that the Cabinet Office has now completed its search for the information you requested on 03 December 2008. I can confirm that the department holds information that falls within the description specified in your request, and the information which can be disclosed is detailed below.

I can confirm that since 2004 PWC has been involved in contracts involving the Cabinet Office. However, the Cabinet Office has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request and provide a comprehensive answer regarding the provision of all relevant details of these contracts. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 1/2 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the department is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to comply with your request (see section 12(1)).

You may, however, choose to refine your request to take it below the £600 limit and by doing so; the department may be able to provide the information free of charge although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case. It may help if I outline some possible ways of narrowing your request. For example, you might try to ask for just the total Cabinet Office expenditure with PWC since 2004/05. Should you submit a narrower request, any appropriate exemptions would be assessed in detail, including consideration of the public interest in the release of information where appropriate. Any reformulated request the department receives from you will be treated as a fresh FOI request.

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:

Sue Gray




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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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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