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Sent by email

Dear Mr Zola

Freedom of Information Act - Request for Information
Our Reference: FOI 2015

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 28 April 2014. You asked:

"Please disclose the names of the 70 organisations the BBC report will be providing Community Work Placements through your Help to Work, post Work Programme scheme failure.

"Help to Work: New unemployment rules in force"

"BBC social affairs correspondent Michael Buchanan said the government had signed up more than 70 organisations to provide work experience under the scheme."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/27177767>"

I can confirm that the 70 organisations referenced above are sub-contractors already in place for the CWP scheme. In respect of sub-contractors the Department holds the information you are seeking. However, section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts this information from disclosure. This is because the information is intended for publication at a future date.

This exemption requires the public interest for and against disclosure to be weighed in the balance. There is a public interest in information being released as soon as possible. However, I am satisfied that there is a strong public interest in permitting public authorities to publish information in a manner and form and at a time of their own choosing. It is a part of the effective conduct of public affairs that the general publication of information is a conveniently planned and managed activity within the reasonable control of public authorities I am satisfied that in the instance the Department has a reasonable entitlement to make its own arrangements to do so.

In line with department transparency obligations we will, as soon as practicable, publish such information on Contracts finder including copies of contracts. Contract finder can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

If you have any queries about this letter please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Official Correspondence Team

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