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27 October 2014

**Freedom of Information Request**

Dear xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,

Thank you for your email of the 15 October 2014, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

***"1) Who did approve and supervise as a Director at the Ministry of Justice Procurement - HMCTS/Estates/Corporate Services the procurement operation "Understanding civil court users – research among civil court claimants and defendants" ITT 4015-2-Professional services-N-RFP published in its final specification on the 7th July 2014 through the portal <https://esourcing.justice.gov.uk> and advertised through the Contracts Finder database?***

***2) Who did require as a Director this ITT within the Analytical Services (MoJ-AS) said to be the organisational unit that commissioned the research (source: the Notice published through the Contracts Finder database at <https://online.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk/Common/View%20Notice.aspx?site=1000&lang=en-iceid=1443014&fs=true>***

***3) Why the ITT was advertised in the Contracts finder database and through the MoJ procurement portal but not in the OJEU in spite of an overall value defined in "£110,000 - £130,000"?"***

Your request has been passed to the team who have responsibility for answering this request.

Your request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the Act, the department is required to provide you with a response within 20 working days. I will write to you in response to your request for information by 12 November 2014.

The Freedom of Information Act includes a number of exemptions to releasing information. Some of these are qualified exemptions which require us to consider whether it is in the public interest to disclose or withhold the information. In these circumstances we may need more time to consider your request, and if this is the case I will write to you by the date above to inform you of when you can expect to receive a response.

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If you have any queries regarding this request please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting ref: FOI 93902 in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Ian Crook

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