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Freedom of Information Request

Dear x

Thank you for your email of the 24 November 2014, in which you asked for an internal review into the way the department handled your request for information under reference: 93902.

"I am writing to request an internal review of Ministry of Justice's handling of my FOI request 'Authorisation and supervision of Procurement ITT 4015-2-Professional services-N-RFP at MoJ'.

The answer provided to my question is unsatisfactory, it denies some peculiarities of the original advertisement and ITT documents and it vilifies the same FOI in that: it says that the ITT was a procurement 'part b' opportunity (to clarify for the public who read this message through the website "What do they Know", Part B are "residual services" under Public Contracts Regulations 2006 and the EU Directive on public procurement 2004/18/ EC that do not need to be advertised or put under competitive tendering).

In the meantime the ITT is not documented anymore through the Contracts Finder database or other public sources: the related notice has disappeared / has been deleted after I posted the question. This does not seem particularly encouraging a culture of transparency and accountability in any case, even if there was no causation between my request and your record management policies (I have kept the original of the notice itself and all the related documentation though, should you needed to get back to the original data and you were unable to do it with your own backups or assurance / auditing tools I could provide copy of it).

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/authorisation_and_supervision_o](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/authorisation_and_supervision_of)
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Such history can be complemented with the opinions exchanged through the mailing list "Data-Protection" hosted by Jiscmail.ac.uk between 18 and 20 November 2014, upon my invitation, about the fact that data have been deleted following the FOI request from a public source.

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In particularly, here is the message in which I summarised the debate and the collected opinions:"

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).

The department will be conducting a review and a response will be issued to you in due course.

If you have any queries regarding this internal review please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting ref: 94612 in all future correspondence.

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<http://www.justice.gov.uk/information-access-rights/latest-disclosure-log>

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Yours sincerely

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