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Alex Mawmill
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Dear Alex Mawmill

Ref: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 26 November 2012 requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (*the Act*):

Please provide the following information on as many recent IT spending control cases as possible, starting with the most recently approved and working backwards, until the resources permitted under FOI have been expended:

*Name of Project
Sponsoring Department
Date submitted for spend control approval
Date approved
Value of project
Monthly savings expected post implementation*

I must inform you that the Cabinet Office is unable to comply with your request. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act relieves public authorities of the duty to comply with a request for information if the cost of dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government this is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The Act requires a public authority to make an estimate of the cost of compliance before starting a search. The cost of compliance consists of the sum of the cost of determining whether the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it. If the estimate of these costs exceeds the appropriate limit, the public authority is not obliged to comply with the request. The Act does not require a public authority to search until the cost limit is reached.

Outside of the terms of the Act I can tell you that approved IT spending control cases from this year will be published in the next financial year.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the FOI team. 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:

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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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. P.' followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line.

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