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Naveed Somani request-713334-ef067166@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Somani,

Thank you for your correspondence of 16 December, in which you made the following request for information:

Please can you provide further information on the Cross-Government Prosperity Fund programmes your department has any involvement in administering including:

- A) IATI Activity data for all transactions/disbursements approved by your department in relation to this fund
- B) Names of organisations contracted as delivery partners for each programme identified, the value of each contract, and a copy of each contract

We can confirm that DCMS holds information within the scope of your request. However, we have determined that some of this information may be exempt from release under section 43 (commercial interests) of the Act. This is a qualified exemption and, as such, it is necessary to carry out a public interest test to consider whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

By virtue of section 10(3) of the Act, where public authorities have to carry out a public interest test, they do not have to comply with the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances. Due to the need to consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the information that you have requested, the department will not be able to respond to your request immediately. However, we hope to let you have a substantive response to your request by 17 February.

Yours sincerely,

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Complaints and comments



As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: foi@dcms.gov.uk. You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.

