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Dear Mr John Eynon,

Thank you for your email of 8 November where you requested the following information:

*The UK BIM (Building Information Modelling) programme was launched with the Government Construction Strategy in 2011.*

*Since that time, the UK BIM Task Group has been formed, work has been carried out in Gov depts and across industry, standards have been produced etc.*

*I would like to see a detailed itemised breakdown on what public money has been spent, on what, and who has received payment, whether that be an individual or an organisation.*

*A number of individuals and consultancies have been involved, so I'd like to see what they were paid and for what. This is taxpayers money, and ultimately the Task Group and all involved and connected are accountable to industry.*

*I understand that about £8m was spent on development of Level 2, and at least £15m has been committed to the development of Level 3/Digital Built Britain.*

*I'd like to see where the money went, who to, and where/who it is committed to for future spending.*

*I trust that's clear and I look forward to hearing from you.*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) can only account for its own expenditure in relation to the BIM programme.

For the purposes of convenience and clarity the request has been divided into two periods namely; 'The First Period' to CIC in relation to BIM Level 2 work (2011-2016) and 'The Second Period' administered by Innovate UK (2016 - to date) in relation to BIM Level 3 work.

A. The First Period

The then Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) provided the Construction Industry Council (CIC) an Industrial Development Grant to lead a supply-chain focused programme for the Implementation of BIM between 2011-2016. This included some personnel who formed part of the BIM Task Group and the CIC who operated the BIM Task Group website.

The total value of the grant during the period was £5.503m. This programme was duly completed and closed last year. The Department were not party to the commercial arrangements between any persons connected to the BIM Task Group who were engaged by CIC as this was solely a matter for the parties concerned and we do not hold details on total payments to individuals.

Should you require further advice, this can be sought from the CEO, Construction Industry Council, 26 Store Street, London, WC1E 7BT

B. The Second Period.

The records of expenditure under this period are held by Innovate UK and not by BEIS. A total of £12m has been made available to Innovate UK for the purposes of pursuing the Level 3 programme.

Should you require further advice this can be sought by contacting [foi@innovateuk.gov.uk](mailto:foi@innovateuk.gov.uk)

C. Additional Expenditure

Although BEIS holds no record of contracts or payments with any individuals it has undertaken the following additional expenditure between 2011 - to date. For convenience these have been presented under thematic headings in the format of: financial year incurred, recipient, amount and rationale, which are contained at Annex A.

To the extent that the Department holds limited information about payments to individuals, the requested information has been withheld under **Section 40** of the Act. **Section 40(2)** exempts information from disclosure if that information constitutes personal data of someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would contravene any of the data protection principles in schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998. In this case, we believe disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully.

## Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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Financial Year	Recipient	Amount (£)	Rationale
<b>Contribution to other Government organisation to support collaborative BIM work:</b>			
11/12 to date	Other Government Departments	2,390,000	A range of cross-Government collaborative projects.
<b>Technical and Programme Development</b>			
11/12 14/15, 15/16 16/17,	BSI	298,000	Standards development and licences
13/14	University College London	106,000	Lead a multi-disciplined task group to support the technical development of BIM L3
15/16	PWC	74, 698	Business and analytical support for BIM L3
<b>Events and related expenses</b>			
15/16	Stereographic	5,000	New scheme Logo and branding design
13/14 15/16 16/17	Institution of Civil Engineers	40,000	Support for their annual BIM event and development of a programme specifically aimed at professional procurers in infrastructure construction.
14/15 15/16 16/17	BuildingSmart	14,500	Membership fee and technical development work.
11/12	Buildoffsite	4,100	An event with RIBA to promote Lean and digital construction.
11/12	CIRIA	12,000	A programme of thematic events on BIM.
<b>Support for Academic research and networks</b>			
16/17	University College London	299,580	Purchase of an advance digital-scanning and measurement equipment for use in a collaboration of universities. The instrument is of British Manufacture.