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Dear Mr Dunning

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Freedom of Information Act 2000: Information technology projects

Thank you for your enquiry of 19 October 2019, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"1. How many people are working on IT projects directly for your government department

- a) UK Citizens*
- b) EU Citizens*
- c) outside EU - broken down by country*
- d) contractors outside IR35 (broken down by a,b,c above)*
- e) contractors inside IR35 (broken down by a,b,c above)*

2. How many people are working on IT projects for your government department but carried out by a 3rd party supplier (please delineate by supplier)

- a) UK Citizens*
- b) EU Citizens*
- c) outside EU - broken down by country*
- d) contractors outside IR35 (broken down by a,b,c above)*
- e) contractors inside IR35 ((broken down by a,b,c above)*

3. How many people are working for your government department through Tier2 Visas

- a) directly*
- b) through a third party supplier*
- c) on site at one of your premises*
- d) remotely*

4. How many people are for your government department working through ICT visas

- a) directly*
- b) through a third party supplier*
- c) on site at one of your premises*
- d) remotely*

5. What is the average age of each group of people working directly for your government department

- a) UK Citizens
- b) EU Citizens
- c) outside EU - broken down by country
- d) contractors outside IR35 (broken down by a,b,c above)
- e) contractors inside IR35 (broken down by a,b,c above)

6. What is the average age of each group of people working indirectly for your government department

- a) UK Citizens
- b) EU Citizens
- c) outside EU - broken down by country
- d) contractors outside IR35 (broken down by a,b,c above)
- e) contractors inside IR35 (broken down by a,b,c above)

7. How many UK workers who are capable of working on your IT projects directly or indirectly are currently registered with the DWP as looking for work or on the NEA scheme

- a) broken down by age
- b) broken down by required skills"

I am unable to confirm whether HM Treasury holds information within the scope of your request.

To identify if we hold any information would require extensive searches to be conducted across each team within the Treasury. This is because the Treasury does not collate information in a way that could be used to easily identify possible information within the scope of your request.

We estimate that to search for and locate any information if held, would exceed a set limit which is known as the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for central Government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending three and a half working days in determining whether the Treasury holds the information.

Under section 12 of the FOI Act, departments are not obliged to comply with requests in these circumstances. It is difficult for us to suggest how you could narrow your request given its very broad scope. However, if you wish to submit a revised request, we would be happy to consider it.

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Yours sincerely

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