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Dear Samuel Saunders,

We refer to your request of 2 October, where you asked several questions regarding information management and technology management within the Department for Exiting the European Union.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

Each part of your request has been answered separately below.

[1] *Does your organisation use agencies for their IM&T staffing requirements?*

Yes.

[2] *What was your annual spend on agency staff for last Financial Year?*

For the 2018-19 Financial year the spend for relevant agency staff was £142,503.70.

[3] *Do you have a Preferred Supplier List (PSL) of agencies?* and [3a] *If yes ... when is this due for renewal?*

DExEU does not have a Preferred Supplier List (PSL) for agencies. We recruit staff through the Crown Commercial Service Framework.

[4] *Can you provide me with a structure chart of all IM&T related departments?*

DExEU has a small Knowledge and Information Management team. The Cabinet Office manages DExEU's IT systems, so you may wish to contact them for any additional information at the address below:

foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

[5] *What version of Windows do you currently use?* and [6] *Have you implemented Office365?*

This information is exempt under section 24(1) of the Act. This is required for the purposes of safeguarding national security. Releasing information on the operating systems in use within DExEU could assist those with malicious designs in the planning of cyber attacks on DExEU. Because of the purpose and function of DExEU, the information which it has in its possession is often of a very sensitive nature. The theft of such information by parties which are intent on causing harm to the UK would compromise national security.

This information is also exempt under section 31(1)(a) and (b) of the Act on the basis that releasing this information would be likely to prejudice (a) the prevention or detection of crime, and (b) the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

As explained above, releasing information within the scope of your request would undermine the security of DExEU systems by potentially assisting those who are intent on committing cyber attacks. Such acts would constitute criminal offences. Releasing the information requested would be likely to prejudice efforts to prevent or detect the commission of such offences and the apprehension or prosecution of those who commit them.

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 foiappeals@dex.eu.gov.uk or:

Freedom of Information Team (internal review)
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You should note that DExEU 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. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by DExEU. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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