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Dear Mr Taylor

APPLICATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

I refer to your email dated 18 March 2011, requesting information under the FOIA:

I am writing to confirm that HMRC has completed its search for the information you requested.

1. *"The number of IT staff who are contractors, not civil servants, engaged by all IT activities as at Friday 18th March 2011."*

There were 31 people in place at 18 March:

- 15 under the Aspire contract - HMRC's principal IT services contract with Capgemini;
- 15 under the Accenture Strategic Partnership contract, and
- 1 under a different contract

The 15 people deployed under the Aspire contract were retained in project developer roles on specific projects. They are not required for the long term. Although these people are paid for on the basis of daily charge rates, they are not IT contractors in the generally accepted sense of that term. They are paid for under a service line in the Aspire contract known as P04 in the same way and against the same invoice as payment is made for all of the services delivered under the Aspire contract.

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Fifteen people were retained as IT contractors under HMRC's Strategic contract with Accenture. That contract was let to provide HMRC IT Solutions - the Department's in-house development enterprise - with a "training" service to develop its own in-house capabilities and to provide services to supplement ITS' capacity, either by providing additional resources to work with or alongside ITS, and / or undertaking specific application development work. These 15 people - like those engaged under the Aspire contract - are not IT contractors in the generally accepted sense of that term and they are paid for under the framework contract with Accenture.

One person was engaged as at 18 March 2011 in an IT contractor role to provide short term support not available in house.

2. "The total number of days each of these contractors has been paid for."

Summary information:

		Days Paid
Singleton		
	Contractor 1	125
Accenture		
	Contractor 2	115
	Contractor 3	120
	Contractor 4	89
	Contractor 5	89
	Contractor 6	27
	Contractor 7	35
	Contractor 8	32
	Contractor 9	34
	Contractor 10	33
	Contractor 11	12
	Contractor 12	48
	Contractor 13	188
	Contractor 14	173
	Contractor 15	102
	Contractor 16	0
Aspire		
	Contractor 17	213
	Contractor 18	77
	Contractor 19	?
	Contractor 20	182
	Contractor 21	181
	Contractor 22	34
	Contractor 23	152
	Contractor 24	193
	Contractor 25	231
	Contractor 26	245
	Contractor 27	100
	Contractor 28	0
	Contractor 29	0
	Contractor 30	?
	Contractor 31	?
		2,827

Final invoice information is still awaited for contractors 19, 30 and 31.

3. *"The amount of money that has been spent to engage these contractors during the totality of their employment to date. This includes funds that paid directly, or indirectly to retain these contractors."*

The total sum billed to date is: £1,437,436.

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Yours sincerely



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