



Bill Smith
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Dear Bill Smith,

I refer to your request of 21 October where you asked for a “breakdown of all active procurement frameworks, as currently listed in the CCS website, including:

- Name of Framework
- Reference number for Framework (if applicable)
- Start and End dates of Framework
- Number of suppliers on framework
- Total number of competitions that have been run since start of the framework
- Total actual spend to date for each Framework.

I must inform you that the Cabinet Office (including the Crown Commercial Service is unable to comply with your request. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) relieves public authorities of the duty to comply with a request for information if the cost of dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central government this is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 ½ working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under the exemption at Section 12, we are only required to estimate the amount of time required to locate, retrieve and extract the relevant information. We are not required to carry out 3 ½ working days to locate, retrieve and extract all information under the scope of your request.

If you wish, you may refine your request in order to bring the cost of determining whether the Cabinet Office holds relevant information, locating, retrieving and extracting it, below the appropriate limit. I consider that we will not be able to carry out a search for information unless you can reduce the number of questions asked in your request.

I must also inform you that if the Cabinet Office does hold any information, it may be subject to one or more of the exemptions contained within the Freedom of Information Act.

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:

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email: foi.team@cabinet-office.gsi.gov.uk

You should note that the Cabinet Office 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 for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Smethurst', with a horizontal line underneath.

**FOI Team
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