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Dear Ms Jones,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Management Consultancy Spend

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 14th August, about Management Consultancy Spend. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your original question (in italics) and our response are set out below:

'Based on your last complete financial year, can you please advise:

- 1) Total spend on Management consultancy fees paid to external companies?*
- 2) The list of external companies used for Management consultancy?'*

As the information on the total spend for Defra on consultancy for FY17/18 is reasonably accessible to you at page 51 at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/725030/defra-annual-report-2017-18-print.pdf, under Section 21 of the FOIA Defra is not obliged to provide a further copy in response to this request.

Please find a list below detailing the external companies used for management consultancy for FY17/18:

Supplier List
AECOM
AECOM Infrastructure & Environment UK Limited
APA Educational Trust
Ashurst LLP
Capita
Davitt Jones Bould
Deloitte LLP
Dentons UKMEA LLP
Engineering Safety Consultants Ltd

Ernst & Young
Food Control Consultants Ltd
ICF Consulting Services Ltd
JBA Consulting
KPMG LLP
LTS International Ltd.
Methods Professional Services
Mott MacDonald Ltd
Norman Rourke Pryme
OTB Engineering Limited
PriceWaterhouseCoopers
Reed Professional Services LLP
Ricardo-AEA Ltd
Rider Levett Bucknall
Seymour John Limited
Student Employment Services
Sweett (UK) Limited
The Boston Consulting Group
University of Nottingham
University of York
Veterinary Vaccines Consultancy Ltd
Vivid Economics Ltd
Willis Limited
Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions UK Limited
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Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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