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Dear Mr Delahunty,

Thank you for your e-mail of 29 July 2019. This is a follow up to your request of 3 June (HO reference 53953) for a list of all the contracts that currently exist between the department's Research, Information and Communications Unit (RICU) and any agency or businesses employed to do work on the RICU's behalf.

Specifically you request the name of the agency or business involved in each contract, and the cost of each contract.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I confirm that the Home Office holds the information which you have requested. However, I believe that the information is already reasonably accessible to you. It can be found at https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/.

Section 21(1) of the FOIA exempts the Home Office from having to provide you with this information, because it is already reasonably accessible to you. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source which I have indicated, please contact me again.

I apologise for the delay in responding. This delay was to allow confirmation of recent contracts being uploaded to contracts finder.

For context, the contract values listed are the maximum values and the actual spend is typically below these.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk, quoting reference 54767. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you



were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Home Office