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Dear Ms Anna Pongracz

Thank you for your email of 8th February 2021 where you requested the following information:

*I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information act for all transactions over £25,000 from July 2020 to a month in arrears from the date at which you publish in response to this request.*

*Please provide the data in a machine readable format (preferably csv). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

Although the Department holds the information requested it is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 of the Act because the information is intended for publication at a future date.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption subject to the public interest test.

There is a public interest in transparency and accountability, in good decision-making by public bodies, in upholding standards of integrity, and in securing the best use of public resources. As I have previously explained new publication processes were introduced in order to guarantee the accuracy and integrity of the data. We are now working to add the data in batches of 3 months until we are up to date. The data for July, August and September will be published this month on the gov.uk website - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/beis-spending-over-25000> - and we are working hard to ensure that subsequent months will be published later in the spring.

Having considered the public interest, the Department's decision is therefore to withhold the information.

## **Appeals Procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights & Records Unit. It would be helpful if you can tell us why you are dissatisfied with the response to your request so we may address this during the internal review.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Complaints can be made to the Information Commissioner via their website at: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/>.

Yours sincerely,

**Digital Directorate**