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Dear David Clark

I refer to your request where you asked:

“Dear Cabinet Office,

1. Do you currently make use of any Oracle products? If so, which?
2. What is the quantity of licensed users split by each Oracle product used by your organisation?
3. What is the value of your current Oracle contracts, split by product?
4. Do you outsource your Oracle projects, services or maintenance to an external supplier? If so, whom? When does that contract expire?
5. In 2013, the Cabinet Office appointed an Open Standards Board to drive the use of Open Source across Government. Which Open Source databases have you (a) deployed since 2013 and (b) have firm plans to deploy within the next 18 months as alternatives to Oracle products?

Yours faithfully,  
David Clark”

1. We do have Oracle Databases that underpin some of our applications.

We use Oracle databases for resource management tools and document management. These environments are managed by Shared Services Connected Limited. Please contact them for more information. We also have some instances of MySQL and Java on our systems.

2. Our Oracle environments are in a shared service environment and licences are purchased by the shared service facility
3. Our Oracle applications are supported by internal government services and departments and they hold the information on value of contract.
4. Our Oracle applications are provisioned by governmental shared services and departments within the CO. Our contract with Shared Services Connected Limited is on a continuous basis.
5. The Cabinet office have recently modified their environments and implemented Google Enterprise and rolled across the CO, this incorporates Google Docs, Google

Mail, Google Drive and associated software. The CO are progressing with this platform. There are no firm plans to deploy alternatives to Oracle.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Brown', written over a light blue circular stamp.

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