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Ref: FOI 801

Dear Mr Woodford,

I am writing to you in response to your request for a review of the above-referenced Freedom of Information Request, received by the Business Services Organisation (BSO) on January 3rd 2018.

I can advise that a review panel was convened on January 10th 2018 to discuss the matter. This panel consisted of Ms Julie Erskine (Chair) and Mr Sam Waide (Executive Director of Operations).

The panel can confirm that the BSO Procurement and Logistics Service (PaLS) does not, and has never, operated a vendor rating system. The panel would like to refer you to correspondence previously issued to you by BSO in relation to this matter.

The panel hopes that this assists you. If, following this internal review, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

Website: www.ico.org.uk
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Email: casework@ico.org.uk
Post: Information Commissioner's Office
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place
Belfast
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In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours sincerely,

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Ms Julie Erskine
BSO Chair

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Mr Sam Waide
Executive Director of Operations