



**14/10/2020**

**Tim Lennon**

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**Dear Tim Lennon**

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## REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 29 September 2020. You asked for an internal review of our response to your request for information of 1 September 2020. In your request you asked for information on the outputs from a Value chain/ Wardley maps exercise for the Global Digital Marketplace.

I have carefully reviewed the handling of your request and I consider that the exemptions at section 27(1) (a), (c) and (d), section 27(2) and section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act were properly applied. I believe that the balance of the public interest was fully considered for the reasons set out in our letter of 25 September 2020. I have therefore concluded that I should uphold the decision given in our letter.

I have considered the points you make. You questioned the impact disclosing information will have on our relationship with partner governments, citing the principles of openness and transparency at the basis of the Global Digital Marketplace Programme. We consider these principles key for the success of our programme. However, openness and transparency rely on trust and confidentiality among us and our partners which is why we believe section 27(1) (a),(c) and (d) and section 27(2) have been rightfully applied. You also challenged the information requested being commercially confidential in the different regions. However we have reviewed the information requested and have concluded that it contains details which if disclosed could harm ours and our partners' commercial interests and the balance of the public interest favours withholding the information as set out in our letter of 25 September 2020.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information you, have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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Eirian Walsh Atkins