



Via Email Only

13 May 2020

Freedom of Information Ref No. FOI24

Dear Zafeer Niaz,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 22 April 2020.

You asked Money and Pensions Service the following: -

You have asked **“Please can I kindly request the following information under freedom of information act.**

- 1. Does the organisation outsource and use 3rd party suppliers under any of the following 3 categories?
-IT Hardware/Software.
-IT Support.
-IT Services and communication.**
- 2. If so, who are the suppliers/resellers used and what has the spend been with them in the last 6 months?**
- 3. Who are the contacts/procurement in the organisation to speak with in order to get added as an IT supplier to the organisation?**
- 4. Who are the IT managers in the organisation in place and there contact details?”**

Money and Pensions Service Response:

I can confirm the Money and Pensions Service holds the information you are seeking. I have provided the information for all of the questions on a separate document enclosed with this letter. However, part of the information you have requested concerning **question 2, the amount spent on suppliers/resellers in the last 6 months** is commercially sensitive and is therefore exempt from release under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 43 exempts information which, if disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. It protects not only the commercial interests of third parties but also the commercial interests of this organisation. It is intended to protect the ability of a public authority like Money and Pensions Service to obtain goods or services on the best possible commercial terms and to protect the legitimate commercial interests of its suppliers. The information you seek falls into this category.

As required by the Freedom of Information Act, the use of this exemption requires the public interest for and against disclosure to be assessed. There is a public interest in the disclosure of commercial information to ensure transparency in the accountability of public funds and to show that public money is being used effectively.

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Conversely, there is a public interest in ensuring that disclosure does not compromise an existing competitive market environment or the Department's ability to secure best value for money for the taxpayer. On balance I am satisfied that, in this instance, the public interest in applying the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any queries about my response to your request do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

Yours sincerely,

Joy Otache

Complaints & Freedom of Information Officer

Encl: Money and Pensions Service 3rd Party Supplier Details

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you can ask for an internal review by e-mailing foi@maps.org.uk or by writing to Money and Pensions Service, 120 Holborn, London, EC1N 2TD. Any review request should be sent within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF
<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/> or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

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