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Date

25th July 2006

Address – (Redaction)

Dear (Redaction),

Freedom of Information Act - Request for Information

Our Reference: FOI 142

Your Reference: N/A

I am writing to confirm that I am now in a position to reply to your request for information about our spend on consultancy services which you requested on 11th July 2006.

A copy of the information that is available is attached and I trust that this is helpful to you. Please note that our management information system for consultancy records only limited information, primarily concerned with the number and value of contracts awarded and information on the terms of reference of each project could only be obtained by manual interrogation of many hundreds of individual project files. I regret therefore that this information could only be provided at disproportionate cost.

You may care to note that DWP operates its own framework agreements for the provision of consultancy services and therefore, under normal circumstances, we do not make use of the OGC frameworks. Should a particularly specialised piece of work arise, where our own suppliers cannot provide the requisite skills or experience, we may choose to approach suppliers on the OGC frameworks.

If you are not satisfied with my handling of your request please tell me why. I will then arrange for an internal review of your request and my actions. The review will be conducted by another officer of a more senior grade to myself who took no part in my original decision. The reviewing officer will advise you of his decision in writing.

If you are still not satisfied after we have looked at your request again, you can then ask the Information Commissioner to look into the way your request has been handled. The Commissioner is an independent officer who is appointed by Her Majesty the Queen and reports directly to Parliament. The Commissioner can see all the papers about your request and decide whether my decision is fair and meets the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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SK9 5AF
Fax: 01625 524 510
E-mail: <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>

Yours Sincerely

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Redactions made under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (Personal Information).

Consultancy & Interim Personnel – Spend and Successful Suppliers

April to June 2006

Number of new contracts for Lot 2 (Business Change Consultancy) is 3.

1 to Atos Origin
2 to Deloitte

Number of new extensions / variations for Lot 2 is 10

1 to Atos Origin
4 to Capgemini
1 Deloitte
4 PA Consulting

Number of new contracts for Lot 14 (Programme & Project Mgt) is 30

1 to Atos Origin
16 to Capgemini
2 to Computer People
1 to Cornwell
2 to LA International
2 to Methods
1 to Nesco
4 to Parity Resources
1 to Xansa Recruitment

Number of new extensions for Lot 14 is 47

9 to AMTEC
1 to Atos Origin
9 to Computer People
3 to LA International
8 to Methods
5 to Nesco
7 to Parity Resources
1 to PPM
4 to Xansa recruitment

Total Consultancy (across all Lots, not just Lot 2) committed spend for April – June 2006 totals
£ 24,733,272.00

Total Interim Personnel (across all Lots, not just Lot 14) committed spend for April – June 2006 totals
£ 13,012,585.00

2004–2005 Financial Year

Total Committed Spend for Consultancy £126,541,921.00
Total Committed Spend for Interim Personnel £37,370,305.00

2005-2006 Financial Year

Total Committed Spend for Consultancy £91,655,844.00
Total Committed Spend for Interim Personnel £43,818,181.00