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By email to: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Our Ref: F0007129
Date: 31 January 2011

Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Application under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information received on 25 November 2010 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 asking for details as follows:

Please could you supply a list of the external consultants used by the Department for Transport in the last 12 months, how much each was paid and what duties they performed?

DfT consists of a central HQ organisation (DfT(c)) and seven Executive Agencies as follows:

Highways Agency
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency
Driving Standards Agency
Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Vehicle and Operator Services Agency
Vehicle Certification Agency
Government Car and Despatch Agency

This response covers the whole Department.

Annex A to this letter shows a list of suppliers and how much they were paid. The information has been adapted from the Department of Transport's data submitted under the Professional Services Consultancy category in the Public Sector Procurement Expenditure Survey for financial year 2009/10. We are currently in the process of collecting information similar to that shown in Annex A for the period April to September 2010. This will not be available until the end of February 2011 at the earliest. You may like to submit a further request after that date if you would still like the information.

However, as part of government's transparency agenda, DfT is required to publish on its website details of all new consultancy assignments, of £20k or above, approved since 24 May 2010, which meet the definition of consultancy below. The link to this information is as follows: [Exceptions to the moratorium on discretionary spend](#)

The following definition of consultancy has been developed as part of government's Consultancy Value Programme:

Consultancy services cover the provision to management of objective advice and assistance relating to strategy, structure, management or operations of an organisation

in pursuit of its purposes and objectives. Such assistance will be provided outside the 'business-as-usual' environment when in-house skills are not available and will be immaterial and time-limited. Services may include the identification of options with recommendations, or assistance with (but not the delivery of) the implementation of solutions. The sub-categories of consultancy are; strategy, finance, legal, HR & Training, organisation & change management, marketing & communications, PPM, technical, IT/IS, property and procurement.

Annex A shows the sub-categories included in the paragraph above where they are available. However, further details of the duties the consultants performed are not held centrally and we have estimated that the cost of complying with your request would exceed £600 as there are too many areas of the department with which we would need to consult. Section 12 of the Act (the full text of which is attached) does not oblige the Department to comply with requests that exceed this limit, and we are therefore refusing that part of your request.

The information provided may be published on our website. If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/04
Ashdown House
Sedlescombe Road North
Hastings
East Sussex TN37 7GA
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this response, please contact XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX in our press office. Please remember to quote the reference number F0007129 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 12 exemption:

Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

(2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.

(3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.

(4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—

(a) by one person, or

(b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign,

the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.

(5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated.

Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, 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

Measures			Invoice Net Amount	
Level1	Level2	Vendorname		
Professional Services Consultancy	IT/IS Consultancy	CAMBRIDGE CONSULTANTS LTD	£1,453,371	
		DETICA LTD	£80,985	
		IPL INFORMATION PROCESSING LTD	£1,641,340	
		PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF LTD	£15,261	
		SELEX COMMUNICATIONS LTD	£127,738	
		IT/IS Consultancy	£3,318,695	
	Legal Consultancy	ALLEN & OVERY	£100,281	
		ANDERSON STRATHERN	£10,168	
		ARNOLD THOMSON SOLICITORS	£139,176	
		ASHTON GRAHAM	£170,892	
		BELMORES SOLICITORS	£124,279	
		BERNET CASTAGNET WANTZ & ASSOCIES	£17,025	
		BIRD & BIRD	£526,261	
		BIRKETTS SOLICITORS	£692,739	
		BLAKE LAPHORN SOLICITORS	£62,804	
		BURGES SALMON LLP	£210,352	
		BURNESS LLP	£28,750	
		CATTERALLS SOLICITORS	£261,063	
		CMS CAMERON MCKENNA	£3,667,355	
		COBBETTS LLP	£189,778	
		COMPETENCE ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS LTD	£16,428	
		DE VILLIERS WALTON LTD	£26,975	
		DENTON WILDE SAPTE	£3,382,342	
		DLA PIPER	£49,620	
		DRIVERS JONAS	£25,608	
		EDWARD HUGHES SOLICITORS	£21,378	
		ENOCH EVANS	£150,683	
		EVERSHEDS LLP	£1,936,335	
		FIELD FISHER WATERHOUSE LLP	£491,848	
		FREETH CARTWRIGHT LLP	£109,280	
		FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER	£5,059,460	
		GEORGE IDE LLP	£795,709	
		HAMMONDS LLP	£91,943	
		HENMANS	£355,841	
		HEWITSONS SOLICITORS	£59,053	
		HEWITTS SOLICITORS	£68,653	
		HILLIERS HRW SOLICITORS	£59,870	
		HUGH JAMES SOLICITORS	£83,302	
		INYAMA & CO	£23,502	
		KENNEDYS	£13,453	
		LATIMER HINKS SOLICITORS	£22,483	
		LEDINGHAM CHALMERS LLP	£57,444	
		LEONARD GRAY LLP	£20,815	
		LINKLATERS	£242,981	
		MACKINNONS SOLICITORS	£65,127	
		MACLAY MURRAY & SPENS SOLICITORS	£17,329	
		MCGRIGORS LLP	£13,764	
		MICHELMORES SOLICITORS	£98,784	
		MILLS & REEVE	£793,042	
		MOSELEYS SOLICITORS	£436,272	
		PARNALLS SOLICITORS	£17,809	
		PETERKINS	£58,656	
		PINSENT MASONS LLP	£1,413,306	
		ROYTHORNE & CO	£23,675	
		SHEPHERD & WEDDERBURN	£61,453	
		SLAUGHTER & MAY	£295,834	
		STEPHEN THOMAS LAW	£25,418	
		TELEREAL TRILLIUM	£26,687	
		THOMAS EGGAR LLP	£18,123	
		THOMPSONS SOLICITORS	£118,268	
		TILLY BAILEY & IRVINE	£51,499	
		WOODFINES SOLICITORS	£88,201	
		Legal Consultancy	£22,989,176	
		PPM Consultancy	EC HARRIS LLP	£64,927
			FAITHFUL & GOULD	£67,650
			FOCUS PROJECT MANAGEMENT	£2,490
			NOVARE CONSULTING LTD	£172,494
			PHILLIPS PROJECTS LTD	£10,900
			SPOCE PROJECT MANAGEMENT LTD	£3,165
			PPM Consultancy	£321,626
		Uncategorised	ACTIVITY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT LTD	£15,000
			AMQIS CONSORTIUM	£26,578
	ANALYSYS MASON LTD		£56,600	
	BASIS LTD		£16,300	
	BEAMANS LTD		£12,570	
	BERKSWELL CERTIFICATION SERVICES		£11,273	
	BHBI CONSULTANCY LTD		£13,190	
	BLUE EDGE CONSULTING LTD		£12,898	
	BMT DEFENCE SERVICES LTD		£12,711	
	BOM GROUP LTD		£14,300	
	BROWNSWORD INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT		£10,663	
	BSI MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS		£24,695	
	BSI TESTING		£11,747	
	BURGES SALMON LLP		£353,274	
	CAPGEMINI UK PLC		£15,525	
	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS LTD		£1,624,267	
	CMP INFORMATION LTD		£20,206	
	COMPASS MANAGEMENT CONSULTING LTD		£13,301	
	CONSULTAVIA		£15,970	
	COURAVEL LTD		£18,772	
	CUBIKS LTD		£60,853	
	CYRIL SWEETT LTD		£41,089	
	DAVID SIMMONDS CONSULTANCY LTD		£18,270	
	DELOITTE		£7,899,328	
	DET NORSKE VERITAS BV		£12,152	
	DETICA LTD		£2,840,130	
	DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP		£53,483	
	DRIVERS JONAS		£549,451	
	EEF LTD		£15,281	
	ERNST & YOUNG LLP		£1,007,659	
	EVOLVE		£42,200	
	FRONTLINE CONSULTANTS LTD		£497,298	
	GARDINER & THEOBALD LLP		£20,306	
	GARTNER UK LTD		£13,600	
	HARTLEY MCMASTER LTD		£24,484	
	HEWITT BACON & WOODROW LTD		£12,189	
	INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT GROUP (IMG UK) LTD		£17,150	
	INVENTURES LTD		£146,338	
	J C RATHBONE ASSOCIATES LTD		£54,338	
	JAMES BARR LTD		£162,455	
	JCP CONSULTANCY LTD		£120,828	
	KIS SOLUTIONS LTD		£39,164	
	KPMG		£6,189,587	
	LEXIS NEXIS		£16,272	
	MACNAUGHTON MCGREGOR LTD		£21,923	
	MANCHES LLP		£218,645	
	MANN ECONOMIC CONSULTING LTD		£70,462	
	MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL		£120,000	
	MILLENNIUM BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY LTD		£90,496	
	MOUCHEL MANAGEMENT CONSULTING LTD		£518,413	
	NERA UK LTD		£19,535	
	PA CONSULTING SERVICES LTD		£3,006,962	
	PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF LTD		£326,328	
	PARTNERSHIPS UK PLC		£96,024	
	PETER DAVIDSON CONSULTANCY		£10,780	
	PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP		£3,633,279	
	QINETIQ LTD		£12,285	
	QUADRANT CONSULTANTS LTD		£58,260	
	QUINCEY MASON PRACTICES LTD		£183,183	
	RANDAL JACKSON		£12,400	
	RUSSAM GMS LTD		£10,046	
	SKANDIA LIFE BUSINESS SERVICES LTD		£84,559	
	SOLIDNET SOLUTIONS LTD		£12,350	
	THE ADVANCE CONSULTANCY LTD		£20,685	
	WHITMUIR DEVELOPMENT LTD		£10,800	
	YEAR ONE CONSULTING		£24,379	
Professional Services Consultancy - Uncategorised	£30,715,535			
Professional Services Consultancy - Total			£57,345,032	