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By email to: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Our Ref: F0007252  
Date: 4 February 2011

Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

**Application under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 – F0007252**

I am writing in response to your request for information received on 11 January 2011 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 summarised as follows:

*During the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2010 has the Department purchased services from:*

*BDO Stoy Hayward  
Bentley Jennison  
Deloitte  
Ernst & Young  
FTI Consulting  
Grant Thornton  
Insight Management & Systems Consultants Ltd.  
KPMG  
LECG  
PKF UK  
Price Waterhouse Coopers  
RSM Tenon  
Smith & Williamson*

*If so, please provide copies of the contracts, engagement letters or description of services including value, dates, details on the employees used by the entity and contract pricing on time worked. If tendered, please provide a copy of the tender notice, all bids to tender including all responses to pre-qualification questionnaires and invitations to tender. If services were under a framework agreement please provide full details of the framework agreements including all tender bidding documents from each company submitting a tender bid.*

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

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA)  
Driving Standards Agency (DSA)  
Government Car and Despatch Agency (GCDA)  
Highways Agency (HA)  
Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)  
Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA)  
Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA)

This response covers the whole Department.

In the period from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2010 the Department has not purchased services from the following suppliers:

BDO Stoy Hayward  
FTI Consulting  
Insight Management & Systems Consultants Ltd.  
LECG  
RSM Tenon  
Smith & Williamson.

However, in the relevant period VOSA has purchased services from a company named Insight Consulting with spend of £27,155.19.

VCA has not purchased services from any of the suppliers listed in your request.

In the period from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2010 the Department has purchased services from the other suppliers listed in your request and in Annex A to this letter we have included the organisation, the supplier, the contract information available and spend in the period. We are not providing copies of the contracts, numbers of employees used by the entity, numbers of hours contracted and worked on the contract, copies of tender notices, copies of all bids to tender and details of framework agreements including all tender bidding documents. We have estimated that the cost of complying with that part of your request would exceed £600. 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. The information you have requested is not held centrally and there many areas of the Department with which we would need to consult. The work in locating the information or documents containing the information, retrieving the information or documents, extracting the information from the document containing it including editing or redacting the information would exceed the limit of £600.

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](mailto: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 letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above 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

Annex A to F0007252 - Period from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2010

Organisation	Supplier	Contract	Spend 01/01/08- 31/12/10
DfT(c)	Deloitte	Various contracts for professional services	£11,228,070.30 incl VAT
	Ernst & Young	Various contracts for professional services	£1,279,107.07 incl VAT
	Grant Thornton	Various contracts for professional services	£85,353.56 incl VAT
	KPMG	Various contracts for professional services	£9,771,442.42 incl VAT
	PKF UK	Various contracts for professional services	£175,750.50 incl VAT
	Price Waterhouse Coopers	Various contracts for professional services	£3,386,160.52 incl VAT
DSA	KPMG	Provision of an interim deputy director of finance 04/06/08- 28/11/08	£166,879.00 incl VAT
	Price Waterhouse Coopers	Provision of training and development services.	£511,681.00 incl VAT
DVLA	Bentley Jennison	Review of Audit Committee effectiveness 19/12/07- 31/01/08	£6,250.00 ex VAT
	Grant Thornton	IT Audit Assurance Partnership 06/11/07- 05/11/09	£26,500 ex VAT
	Price Waterhouse Coopers	Internal Audit Partnership 07/11/07 - 29/10/10	£300,000 ex VAT
GCDA	Deloitte	Provide financial administration and accounting assistance for GCDA May to June 2010	£15,469.00ex VAT
HA	Bentley Jennison Consulting Ltd.	Occupational Health	* £56,798.50
		Consultancy Support to Develop the Reliability Delivery Plan 2010/11	
		Consultant Support for the Development of Managed Motorways	

	Deloitte& Touche	Consultant Support to the Highways Agency National Operations Group	*£2,807,947.57
		National Operations Group Consultant Support to Dev Fiscal Stimulus & Benefits Realisations of delivery Plan 2009/10	
	Deloitte MCS Ltd.	Strategic Command & Control of the Network During Incidents	
	Deloitte MCS Ltd	Dartford Free Flow Charging	
	Ernst & Young LLP	Forensic Cost Verification Service Framework	*£7,730.75
	KPMG LLP	Forensic Cost Verification Service Framework	*£2,381,754.50
		Performance Audit Function Framework	
	Price Waterhouse Coopers	DBFO Training for NO DBFO Central Support Team	*£3,524,567.54
		Financial Advice for DBFO Contracts	
		Forensic Cost Verification Service Framework	
		Independent Review of WILCO Models 2009	
MCA	Deloitte MCS Ltd.	Review of statutory fees process	£106,300.62 incl VAT
	Ernst & Young	SAR-H project (via MOD led contract for joint helicopter contract)	£1,382,120.39 incl VAT
	KPMG	International Financial Reporting Standards training (via HA contract)	£16,915.30 incl VAT
	Price Waterhouse Coopers	Inland Revenue advice	£66,555.00 incl VAT
VOSA	Deloitte	Various contracts for professional services	£2,634,129.17 ex VAT
	KPMG	Various contracts for professional services	£162,319.03 ex VAT
	Price Waterhouse Coopers	Various contracts for professional services	£1,024,882.43 ex VAT

\* HA are not able to confirm if the spend values quoted are including or excluding VAT.