Sent by email:

Dear


Thank you for your Freedom of Information request submitted on the 8th June 2018 in which you requested the following:

Your Request:

If it is not possible to provide the information requested, please provide advice and assistance, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.

1.) What financial accounting software do you use?
2.) Who supplies your financial accounting software (name of vendor or supplier)?
3.) What was the original date of purchase or contact start date for your accounting software?
4.) When is the contact renewal or expiry date for your accounting software?
5.) If relevant, what is the cost of annual support and maintenance (last financial year April 2016- March 2017) for your accounting software?
6.) Is Your IT in-house or outsourced, if outsourced, who is it outsourced to, and when is this contract up for renewal?
7.) Could you confirm if your organisation has any applications (computer systems) running on the Fujitsu (formerly ICL) VME operating system?
8.) If so, please list the names of these applications and their main role within your organisation?

9.) Please also confirm if you have applications;
   a) Operating on any other legacy platform such as OpenVME, IBM iSeries or written in legacy code such as Powerbuilder, COBOL etc. ?
   b) Any operating system considered expensive or (technically) challenging to enabling digital transformation?
   c) That are critical to the business but are at risk due to the scarcity of ageing support personnel or limited documentation?

10.) Please confirm if these applications have been developed in-house i.e. they are bespoke to your organisation and that you own the source code.
Our response:

I can confirm that UKRI does hold information relevant to your request. This information will, however, be withheld under section 31(1)(a) the prevention or detection of crime.

In line with the terms of this exemption in the FOIA, we have considered a public interest test as to whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information.

Public interest considerations favouring disclosure

• To increase UKRI’s openness in support of the government's agenda of ensuring a transparent and accountable government.

Public interest considerations favouring withholding the information

• The information being requested has the potential to compromise security and be used to illegally and maliciously access the application.
• If this information was placed in the public domain it could leave UKRI vulnerable as it may assist someone in attacking our systems.
• If UKRI accounting software applications were successfully attacked it could lead to the loss of confidentiality, integrity and availability of sensitive information.

In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information.

I hope this answers your questions.

If you have any queries about this response please contact me, or if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, please write to:

Complaints Officer
UK Research and Innovation
Polaris House
North Star Avenue
Swindon
SN2 1FL
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Enquiry/Information Line: Between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

Further information about the Office of the Information Commissioner can be found at http://www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely,

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