Annex D

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<tr><td>Request Ref:</td><td>DoF/ 2026-0131</td><td>Requester:</td><td>As address</td><td>Address:</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Request summary:</td><td colspan="4">Request for information on ID 5392620 - PSNI - Provision of Financial and Personal Data / Information</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Information details:</td><td rowspan="2">Exemption applied</td><td colspan="2">Disclosure</td><td colspan="2">Non-disclosure</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Name of all bidders who submitted responses.</td><td>Section 38 (1) (b) Health and safety.

Information is exempt if its disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, would or would be likely to endanger the safety of any individual.</td><td colspan="2">• To show compliance with the FOI Act by disclosing information held by the Department as a Public Authority.

• There is a general public interest in disclosure of information and I recognise that openness in government may increase public trust in and engagement with the government.

• To support transparency in public sector procurement by disclosing information about tender competitions, thereby demonstrating that procurement processes are carried out fairly and in line with established procedures.</td><td colspan="2">i. The release of the information may endanger the safety of any individual due to the severe terror threat in Northern Ireland to those working in and for the Department for Justice and its associated bodies, including third party contractors.

ii. There is a strong public interest in protecting the safety of individuals within organisations tendering for and delivering services for the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland, who might be at risk if details of the tenderer or supplier became public knowledge.

iii. The release of such information might deter others from accepting such responsibilities in the future and would impair the ability of His Majesty’s Government to discharge its responsibilities for public safety and the defence of the United Kingdom.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">PUBLIC INTEREST DECISION: After weighing up the competing public interest considerations, it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure. Disclosure would or would be likely to endanger the safety of individuals within the tendering organisation due to the terror threat in Northern Ireland for those delivering services for the Department of Justice. The public interest in maintaining the exemption therefore outweighs the public interest in disclosure.</td></tr>
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