

FOI DOF/2026-0279

Request

Please provide, for the period 1 April 2020 to the most recent date available:

1. The number of contracts awarded by each Northern Ireland Executive Department through:
 - Single Tender Action (STA);
 - Direct Award Contract (DAC); or
 - any other procurement route where a competitive tender process was not undertaken.
2. The total value of such contracts, broken down by Department.
3. The ten highest-value contracts awarded without competition during this period, including:
 - the Department awarding the contract;
 - supplier name;
 - contract value;
 - purpose of the contract;
 - procurement route used;
 - date awarded.
4. Copies of any guidance, policies or procedures currently used by Northern Ireland Executive Departments in relation to the award of contracts without competition.
5. Any summary reports, management information or analyses produced since 2020 relating to the use of Single Tender Actions, Direct Award Contracts or other non-competitive procurement arrangements across Northern Ireland Executive Departments.

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds some of the information requested.

For questions 1-4, this information is withheld under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (accessible to the applicant by other means). Please see below links.

CPD contracts awarded from 2016 onwards:

[CPD contracts awarded from 1 April 2016 onwards | Department of Finance](https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/contracts-awarded-cpd)
<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/contracts-awarded-cpd>

Guidance and legislation. <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/dear-accounting-officer-letters-daos2022>

<http://nics.intranet.nigov.net/finance/articles/quick-guide-direct-award-contractdac-process>

[Guidance: Direct Award \(HTML\) - GOV.UK](#)

Question 5: No information held.