

Request

1. The name of the software system(s) currently used to facilitate BACS payments.
2. The contract end date(s) and/or next renewal date(s) for the above system(s).
3. Is there the option to extend beyond the renewal date, and if so, for how long?
4. The current annual contract value paid for this software (excluding VAT). If the exact figure is exempt, please provide the value within a cost band or range.
5. The platform(s) or website(s) that you use to advertise tenders for financial or payments-related software contracts (for example: Contracts Finder, Find a Tender Service, or another procurement portal).
6. The job title, team name, or generic departmental contact details (e.g. a shared inbox) for the role responsible for managing or renewing this contract.

Response

I can confirm that the Department holds the information requested.

1. The Department of Finance (DoF) does not have a singular software system for the processing of BACS payments.

BACS payments are processed by multiple DoF business areas (NICS HR, Finance Shared Service and Land and Property Services (LPS)) via Service Providers as part of individual Managed Service contracts.

Within NICS HR the Managed Service Provider uses a BACS Approved Bureau service.

Within Finance Shared Service, the Managed Service Provider generates the BACS payment files which are sent to their banking provider for processing by BACS.

Within LPS, the Managed Service Provider generates the BACS payment files which are sent via a commercial BACS bureau for processing by BACS.

2. The following contract expiry dates are not for any singular BACS software but for the managed service contracts referred to above:
NICS HR managed service contract will expire 29 March 2027
Finance Shared Service managed service contract will expire 31 December 2027
LPS managed service contract will expire 01 August 2032

3. For NICS HR and Finance Shared Service there are no options for renewal and future BACS payments will be facilitated via a recently awarded contract with Oracle which will expire 30 May 2034.

The LPS managed service contract has the option to extend for three further periods of one year each.

4. These figures are not available as the Department of Finance does not have a singular software system for the processing of BACS payments and BACS payments are facilitated by Service Providers within managed service contracts.
5. Open tenders are advertised on eTendersNI [European Dynamics - Welcome to eTendersNI](#) and Find a Tender Service [Find a Tender](#) .
6. The procurements for the contracts noted above are facilitated by Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) who can be contacted via email at SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk.