

FOI DOF/2022-0405

**Request**

This is a request for information that relates to the organisation's contracts around ICT contract(s) for Server Hardware Maintenance, Server Virtualisation Licenses and Maintenance and Storage Area Network (SAN) Maintenance/Support, which may include:

- Server Hardware Maintenance- contracts relating to the support and maintenance of the organisation's physical servers.
- Virtualisation Maintenance/Support/ Licensing (VMware, Solaris, Unix, Linux, Windows Server)  
Storage Area Network Maintenance/Support (EMC, NetApp etc)

For each of the type of contract described above, please can you provide me with the following data. If there is more than one contract, please split the information for each separate supplier this includes annual spend.

**Response**

I can confirm that Enterprise Shared Services (ESS) in the Department of Finance holds information on behalf of Northern Ireland government departments in relation to your request.

1. **Contract Title:** Please provide me with the contract title.

*Private Cloud Infrastructure*

2. **Type of Contracts (ABOVE):** Please can you provide me with one or more contract types the contract relate to: Server Hardware, Virtualisation, SAN (Storage Area Network)

*All of the above*

3. **Existing/Current Supplier:** Please provide me with the supplier's name for each contract.

*HPE*

4. **Brand:** Please state the brand of hardware or software

*Hardware mostly HP. Software various to include Microsoft, Red Hat, Commvault, Oracle, VMware, Morpheus, Citrix*

5. **Operating System / Software (Platform):** (Windows, Linux, Unix, vSphere, AIX, Solaris etc.) Please state the operating system used by the organisation.

*MS Windows, Linux, Unix, Oracle, vSphere*

- 6. Annual Average Spend:** Please provide me with the most recent annual spend for this contract? (agreed following clarification that we would provide the anticipated average annual spend over the full contract period).

*I can confirm that the anticipated total average spend through the contract is £3 million per annum.*

- 7. Contract Duration:** (Please can you also include notes if the contract includes any contract Extension periods).

*The contract was awarded for five years, with optional extensions totalling a further five years. However, the final annual extension was not taken up and the contract is therefore scheduled to run for a total of nine years.*

- 8. Contract Expiry Date:** Please can you provide me with the date of when the contract expires.

*15 May 2023*

- 9. Contract Review Date:** (An approximate date of when the organisation is planning to review this particular contract.)

*Currently in the process of renewing this contract*

- 10. Purchase of Servers:** Could you please provide me with the month and year in which most/bulk of servers were purchased.

*Bulk purchased following contract award in May 2014, additional in December 2016. Refresh of original November 2020*

- 11. Number of Physical Server:** Please can you provide me with the number of physical servers.

*305*

- 12. Number of Virtual Servers:** Please can you provide me with the number of Virtual servers' servers.

*2399*

- 13. Brief Contract Description:** I require a brief description of the service provided under this contract. Please do not just put maintenance. I need at least a sentence.

*To appoint a Strategic Partner who will provide and support a private cloud infrastructure to support the growing demand of customers in relation to server based services.*

- 14. Contract Owner:** (The person from within the organisation that is responsible for reviewing and renewing this particular contract. Please include their full name, job title, direct contact number and direct email address.)

*This information is exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Act. See below for further details on the application of this exemption, and also see The Lawfulness, Fairness and Transparency Test attached at Annex B.*

*We can however provide you with a generic business email address which is: [itassist@nigov.net](mailto:itassist@nigov.net)*

**If this service is part of a managed contract, please can you send me the contract information for this managed service including Hardware Brand, Number of Users, Operating System, and contact details of the internal contact responsible for this contract**

*There is not a managed service aspect to this contract.*

### **Applied Exemption Section 40(2) – Personal Information**

Some of the information you have requested is being withheld because it is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act. Having considered all of the information contained within the lawful, fairness and transparency test, the Department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third party personal data falling within the scope of the request (of which the requester is not the data subject).

**FOI SECTION 40(2)**

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**The lawfulness, fairness and transparency test**

Business areas are required to carry out a “lawfulness, fairness and transparency test” when considering the disclosure of third party personal data falling within the scope of a FOI or EIR request. In most cases, neither of the lawful basis outlined below will apply, however the business area must complete the test as evidence as having considered.

**Brief description:**

Name of the Responsible Officer

**Lawfulness**

Do either of the two lawful basis below which allow for the disclosure of personal data apply? **No**

- Consent:** This will apply when the data subject(s) clear consent exists that allows you to disclose the personal data falling within the scope of this request. E,g, a member of staff may agree to their name being disclosed.
- Legitimate interests:** the disclosure is necessary for the Department’s legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party that overrides the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy.

As a result the exemption/exception for 3<sup>rd</sup> party personal data will apply.