

Our ref: FOI/06/02/2015

Re: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, which we received on 6 February 2015.

You requested the following information;

- 1) *In the last 2 years have you purchased any it technical training for the ICT /IT department from QA training covering IT Technical Courses such as Microsoft, VMware, Oracle, Citrix and Cisco?*
- 2) *What is the exact job title of the manger or team leader in ICT/IT department who has made the purchase?*
- 3) *Has the ICT/IT technical department pre-paid for this training? please state amounts.*
- 4) *Have they, in the last 3 years, purchased a skills licence it training package from QA training? Please state the amount purchased and the amounts remaining?*
- 5) *Has the buying IT manager secured 3 quotes for the purchase of the skills licence? If so which were the other companies who submitted the exact same skills licence prices?*
- 6) *When will the next skills licence be purchased by the ICT/IT department?*
- 7) *Who will purchase the next ICT technical training skills licence?*
- 8) *Please provide an ICT department organisation chart.*
- 9) *How many people are there in the ICT department?*
- 10) *Does the ICT / IT technical department purchase IT technical training for products such Microsoft, Cisco, VMware, Oracle and Citrix in February and March to utilise remaining budget for the financial year if so how do you justify the purchase?*
- 11) *How much do you spend on training for the past three financial years? Also please list the top three suppliers that you use for training?*
- 12) *At what points during the year does the department make decisions to purchase training throughout the year? How much of the training budget remains for this financial year (ending 31st March 2015)?*
- 13) *Who is responsible for purchasing department's training (i.e. which departments and who are the decision makers)?*

We do hold the information that you have requested.

We have purchased no IT training from QA training, and we have no IT department. We share our offices with the Attorney General's Office, who provide all of our IT equipment and support.

We have not undertaken any of the training specified in questions 3, 4, and 5, and we have no plans to.

We have not undertaken training on the products in question 10. All our training is agreed by our Head of Staff throughout the year. Training costs over the last three years were as follows: £5451 (11/12); £6680 (12/13); and £6959 (13/14). No two suppliers were the same. We do publish all of our spending over £500 on our website.

We do not publish an ongoing amount for our remaining budget. We will publish the final amount in our 2014-15 Annual report and accounts.

If you have any other queries about this letter, feel free to contact OBR enquiries at obrenquiries@obr.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Office for Budget Responsibility

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