

F-2014-00243 - Contracts put out to tender

23 September 2014

Summary of Request

The Authority was asked for the total number of contracts put out for tender during the following periods:

1. 1 January, 2010 - 31 December, 2010 (or the nearest available 12-month period – please specify)
2. 1 January, 2013 - 31 December, 2013 (or the nearest available 12-month period – please specify)
3. For each of these two periods, please state how many of these contracts were awarded after a tendering process in which only one contractor submitted a bid.

HFEA Response

The requested information for [contracts and tenders over £10,000](#) can be found on our website.

The earliest available 12-month period on the above link is 1 September 2010, and the data is available from then until the current financial year.

The Authority estimates that the cost of complying with this part of the request in full, to include contracts and tenders under £10,000, would exceed the 'appropriate limit' set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 ('the Regulations').

The Authority estimates that the cost of complying with this part of the request, as well as the part of the request noted above, would exceed the 'appropriate limit' set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 ('the Regulations'). This limit is £450 and for the purposes of estimating cost, staff time is calculated at notional rate of £25 per hour. Section 12 of the FOIA allows public authorities to decline to provide information requested under the FOIA where the cost of doing so would exceed this appropriate limit.

In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information the Regulations entitle the Authority to take into account the combined costs of determining whether the information is held, locating the information, retrieving the information and extracting the information for the purpose of disclosure.

The Authority has estimated the cost of complying fully with your request as £875 and for this reason your request is refused.

We have estimated the time that would need to be spent on locating, retrieving and extracting the information you have requested as one week. At £25 an hour with 7 hours per day for 5 days' work this equates to £875. This is anticipated as the approximate amount of time required to comply with your request.