



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03040

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Current ICT Spending

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answers to your questions are as follows.

Question 1

What is your total ICT spend per year?

Answer

The PSNI Information and Communication Services Department has advised the estimated ICT spend 2011/2012 is

| Revenue | Capital |
|-------------|------------|
| £36,831,000 | £7,086,000 |

Question 2

Regarding your current contracts that are for ICT services:

For each contract:

- Who is the prime contractor?
- Who are the sub-contractors?
- What is the contract for (in other words, what is the scope of the contract?)
- What date did the contract start?
- What date will the contract end?
- Is there an extension option at that end date?
- What is the value of the contract?

Answer

Please see the table below on page 1.

The names of the contractors and sub-contractors have been exempted by virtue of Section 38 of the Freedom of Information 2000 Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption, as well as the factors the Department considered when deciding where the public interest lies, is listed below:

Section 38 (1)(a)(b) - Health and Safety

Section 38 Health and Safety is a prejudiced based exemption which means that the PSNI must demonstrate that it is satisfied that to release the information would be likely to endanger the physical or mental health of any individual.

It is also a qualified exemption which means that the PSNI must consider the balance of the public interest in releasing the information against the public interest in withholding it.

A summary of the Harm and Public Interest Test considerations for Section 38 is provided below:

Harm Test

Section 38

Releasing the names of contractors and sub contractors to the PSNI would be likely to bring the company to the attention of terrorists who would as part of their campaign seek to deprive the PSNI of essential supplies so that it would not be able to function as a police service. As a means of doing so the terrorists would carry out attacks on the company and their employees. Attacks on Henry Bros. and Karl Construction family members, business premises and employees are past examples of this practice.

In September 2010, the Security Service MI5 published the threat from Irish related terrorism for the first time. The threat level for Irish related terrorism is set separately for Northern Ireland and Great Britain. In Northern Ireland it is **SEVERE** and in Great Britain, **SUBSTANTIAL**. Domestic terrorism related to Northern Ireland, principally from dissident Irish Republicans, remains a threat.

The terrorist threat can take a number of forms, as terrorists may use a variety of methods of attack to achieve their objectives. These may include explosive devices, firearms, missiles, kidnapping, infiltration and electronic attacks.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Release - Section 38

There is always a strong public interest in information that relates to the use of public funds and the accountability of public officials, in this case those involved in decisions surrounding contracts.

Factors Favouring Retention - Section 38

There would be a current, significant and evidenced risk to the health and safety of individuals concerned with any company who has a contract with the PSNI if the requested information were to be released.

Decision

Whilst accountability surrounding the use of public funds is always a strong argument in favour of releasing information, the balance will always favour retention where there is a significant risk to the safety of individuals. The Service is currently under severe threat from terrorists and disclosure of this information has the potential to assist those criminal elements seeking to carry out attacks. The safety of individuals is of paramount importance and the PSNI will not divulge any information which could put lives at risk.

In this case, therefore the decision must favour not releasing the names of contractors and sub contractors.

Question 3

What contracts are you currently preparing to let?

Answer

The PSNI Information and Communication Services Department has advised the PSNI are currently preparing to let the following contracts

Police Resource Management and Decision Support System
Digital Interview Recording
Adaptors, Cables, Connectors, Tools and Electrical Items
Audio Accessories
Specialist Electronic Equipment
Specialist Audio Surveillance Equipment
Encryption Units
Fibre Network Support
Data Radios
Security Accreditation

Question 4

Do you have any procurements currently running? If yes, what are they for and what is the expected contract date?

Answer

I have been advised that there is procurement currently running for Microwave Radio Network with an expected contract date in quarter 4 of 2011.

Question 5

What procurement frameworks do you use? (e.g OJEU, Buying Solutions)

Answer

The PSNI makes use of procurement frameworks with Government Procurement, NPIA, ACPO, Home Office and DFP Northern Ireland Central Procurement Directorate.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by

emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

| Contract Title | Latest End Date | Small/Medium/Large |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| Radio Communications Infrastructure | 31-Oct-20 | Large |
| Alarm System Monitoring | 29-Nov-19 | Large |
| Uninterruptible Power Supplies - Maintenance and Servicing | 1-Oct-17 | Small |
| Gazetteer | 1-May-13 | Medium |
| Financial Systems | 14-Feb-15 | Medium |
| Adaptors, Cables, Connectors, Tools and Electrical Items | 10-Dec-11 | Small |
| Tetra Radio Data Logger | 1-Sep-12 | Small |
| Manpower Planning and Duty Rostering | 17-Sep-15 | Small |
| Professional & Broadcast Equipment | 7-Feb-13 | Large |
| Digital Processing Solution | 4-Jan-14 | Medium |
| Enterprise Policing System | 6-Mar-15 | Large |
| Scientific Support Performance Management System | 15-Mar-15 | Medium |
| IT Training Services & eLearning Solution | 20-May-14 | Large |
| Provision of xGSI Services | 8-Jun-13 | Medium |
| COFDM Video System | 11-Jul-12 | Medium |
| Managed Service - IT & Network | 7-Nov-15 | Large |
| Specialist Electronic Equipment | 9-Feb-12 | small |
| Audio Accessories | 7-Jan-12 | Medium |
| Specialist Audio Surveillance Equipment | 12-Feb-12 | small |
| Application Security Health Check | 15-Jun-12 | Medium |
| Mobile ANPR Systems | 8-Feb-12 | Small |
| Fibre Network Installation and Support | 1-Mar-12 | Large |
| Physical Fitness Testing System | 8-Mar-12 | Small |
| Security System Support | 25-Oct-12 | Medium |
| Security Accreditation | 14-Feb-12 | Medium |
| Encryption Units | 28-Feb-12 | Medium |
| Data Radios | 9-Mar-12 | Small |
| Security System | 26-Oct-12 | Large |
| Digital Pen Solution | 21-Nov-13 | Large |
| GPS Aerials | 16-Aug-12 | Small |
| Radio Klickfast Microphone Holder | 23-Jul-12 | Small |
| Home Office Large Major Enquiry System(Holmes 2) | 26-Sep-12 | Medium |
| Matrix Video Switching Units | 13-Aug-12 | Medium |
| Supply of Electronic Equipment | 31-Jul-12 | Medium |
| Encryption Software Products & Services | 31-Mar-12 | Medium |
| Microsoft Enterprise Custom Enrolment | 31-Mar-12 | Large |
| GIS Software Support | 31-Mar-12 | Medium |
| Fixed Site ANPR | 1-Oct-14 | Medium |
| Video Downlink System | 1-Mar-13 | Medium |
| Maintenance of IIC & ISR Firewall | 8-Jan-13 | Small |
| Radio Equipment | 1-Aug-13 | Small |
| Back Office Facility (BOF II) ANPR Support | 1-Apr-12 | Small |
| Body-worn Tetra Radios | 17-Dec-17 | Medium |
| Alerts System | 23-Oct-13 | Medium |
| Control System | 13-May-15 | Medium |
| Command and Control System | 19-May-12 | Large |
| GPS Surveillance System | 9-Mar-14 | Medium |
| Electronic Activity Sampling | 1-Nov-14 | Small |
| Crime Mapping System | 9-Sep-16 | Medium |
| Communication Headsets and Hearing Protection | 29-Apr-15 | Medium |
| Call Handling System | 31-Mar-14 | Medium |
| Hand Held Mobile Data Solution | 18-Feb-17 | Large |
| Call Logger Hardware and Software Support | 30-Jun-15 | Medium |
| Consolidated ANPR Back Office Facility | 26-Feb-15 | Medium |
| Asset Tracking System | 19-Mar-13 | Small |
| Telephone Voice Recorders Hardware and Software Support | 4-May-12 | Small |
| Security System Hardware and Software Support | 9-Jun-15 | Small |
| Microwave Bearer Network Equipment and Support | 19-Jan-12 | Small |
| Electronic Crime in Action Management System | 10-Feb-16 | Small |
| Support of IT Systems | 1-Apr-17 | Large |
| Police National Network (PNN 3) | 1-Apr-17 | Medium |

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| Small | £0 | £99,999 |
| Medium | £100,000 | £999,999 |
| Large | greater than £1 M | |