

13 March 2017

2016-17 FOI 0017

Thank you for your request for information, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

In your email you ask for the following information:

Please provide me with a breakdown of the department's spending via government procurement cards in annual breakdown over the years 2015 2016 2017 listing how much was spent in each year.

Please include in this breakdown the amount charged on each occasion over 2015, 2016, 2017 when it was charged and what it was for Please include detail like if any department trips" what the name of the hotel was "for any food what the brand restaurant was as is feasible within cost time limits.

I should add that I am conscious of the government's programme of publishing GPC spending monthly when the transactions are above £500. However I should make clear as regards any overlap of my request with already publicly available information that I would be interested in the information below £500.

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is an independent, advisory, non-departmental public body sponsored by the Cabinet Office. In April 2016 the BCE acquired a Government Procurement Card for single use transactions on purchases less than £500. The card has been used just the once - in April 2016 - to purchase specialist printing cartridges for our map plotter to the value of £322.03.

If you have any queries about the content of this reply please contact me direct, quoting the above reference number on any communication.

Under the provisions of the FOI Act if you are dissatisfied with the response provided you may wish to ask for an internal review. The BCE has a reciprocal arrangement with the Boundary Commission for Wales and in this case you should write to:

The Secretary to the Boundary Commission for Wales, Ground Floor, Fitzalan Court, Cardiff, CF24 0BL

Email: bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk

If it transpires you are not content with our response or the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the BCE. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Office of the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chris Wilcox, Information Manager