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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) of 8 June 2018. This email is being considered as a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information concerning the types of accounting software and applications that may be in use by your organisation.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested, please provide advice and assistance, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.

- 1.) *What financial accounting software do you use?*
- 2.) *Who supplies your financial accounting software (name of vendor or supplier)?*
- 3.) *What was the original date of purchase or contract start date for your accounting software?*
- 4.) *When is the contract renewal or expiry date for your accounting software?*
- 5.) *If relevant, what is the cost of annual support and maintenance (last financial year April 2016-March 2017) for your accounting software?*
- 6.) *Is Your IT in-house or outsourced, if outsourced, who is it outsourced to, and when is this contract up for renewal?*
- 7.) *Could you confirm if your organisation has any applications (computer systems) running on the Fujitsu (formerly ICL) VME operating system?*
- 8.) *If so, please list the names of these applications and their main role within your organisation?*
- 9.) *Please also confirm if you have applications;*
 - a) *Operating on any other legacy platform such as OpenVME, IBM iSeries or written in legacy code such as Powerbuilder, COBOL etc. ?*
 - b) *Any operating system considered expensive or (technically) challenging to enabling digital transformation?*
 - c) *That are critical to the business but are at risk due to the scarcity of ageing support personnel or limited documentation?*

10.) Please confirm if these applications have been developed in-house i.e. they are bespoke to your organisation and that you own the source code.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will be happy to clarify what I am asking for, my details are outlined below. I look forward to your response.

The Boundary Commission for England is a small advisory non-departmental public body, whose accounting and software application requirements are provided by our sponsor department the Cabinet Office. As such, all information around any accounting and software applications we use are the responsibility of the Cabinet Office and we do not hold this information. You may therefore wish to resubmit your request to the Cabinet Office FOI team direct at the following email address: foiteam@cabinetoffice.gov.uk.

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

Regards



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