
FOI Request relating to Information Technology

3 messages

26 February 2020 at 14:51

[REDACTED]
To: information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk



FAO: FOI requests at Boundary Commission for England

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek the following information:

1. Are the Data Centre's operated by or for the organisation fit for purpose? For example, is there a Business Continuity Plan, is there Disaster Recovery in place or is it a single site?
2. Is there any capital investment in data centres planned in the next 36 months? For example, Mechanical & Electrical or refresh of equipment within the DC such as network, storage area network?
3. Is data privacy and or information security compliance a priority for the organisation's board?
4. On your Organisation's risk register, are there any Information Technology related risks?
 - i) If time/ cost allows, please list the top three related risks.
5. Are the cyber security vulnerabilities within the organisation's existing Information Technology estate increasing?
 - i) Has the organisation had a security breach in the past 12 months?
6. Did the organisation meet its Information Technology savings target in the last Financial Year?
7. What percentage of Information Technology budget is currently allocated to "on-premises" capability vs "cloud" capability?
8. Does the organisation have the skills and resource levels necessary for moving to the cloud?
9. What percentage of the Information Technology department headcount are software developers?
10. In relation to contracts with Amazon Web Services, Microsoft for Azure and/or Google for Google Cloud, was the monthly expenditure higher than budgeted?
 - i) If yes, has the organisation been able to subsequently reduce the cost whilst maintaining service levels for users?

I would prefer to receive this information electronically, preferably as a data set, e.g. in Excel, NOT as a PDF. If the decision is made to withhold some of this data using exemptions in the Data Protection Act, please inform me of that fact and cite the exemptions used.

If some parts of this request are easier to answer than others, I would ask that you release the available data as soon as possible. If you need any clarification then please do not hesitate to contact me. Under Section 16 it is your duty to provide advice and assistance and so I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request, and I look forward to hearing from you within the 20-working day statutory time period.

Yours faithfully

Boundary Commission England Information Mailbox

<information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk>

26 February 2020 at
15:02

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

BCE FOI/2020/06

Thank you for your FOI request to the Boundary Commission for England under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You will receive a full reply within the statutory 20 day period. In the meantime, if you wish to contact the Commission further regarding this FOI request, please quote the reference number at the top of the email.

Regards

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27 February 2020 at
10:15

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

BCE FOI/2020/06

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on 26 February, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

You have requested:

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The Boundary Commission for England does not compile or hold the information you have requested. We are a small, at arms-length government body located in accommodation on the government estate, and all of our IT and IT support is supplied to us by the Cabinet Office. Might I therefore suggest that you contact the Cabinet Office FOI Team with your query. The email addresses is: foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

If you have any further queries regarding this response, please contact the Commission, quoting the reference number above.

If you are not content with this response, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Office of the Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Regards

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