Freedom of Information request - Trying to understand success and scale of IT projects

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██████████ <request-652642-9c3146e8@whatdotheyknow.com>   5 March 2020 at 16:46
To: FOI requests at Boundary Commission for England <information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk>

Dear Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England,

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3.   How many software/digital projects were started in 2019?

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5.   If any of the projects in question 4 ran over budget, by how much did they run over?

6.   If any of the projects in question 4 were not delivered on the date originally planned, by how much did they run over? By originally planned, I mean the due date when the project was launched; if a project was rescoped and the due date changed, treat the project as running over from the original date.

7.   If any of the projects in question 4 were cancelled, how many was that and what was the budget for those projects in total?

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a.   How many defects were found?
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d.   Is there a correlation between the original project budget, due date, defects found in development, defects in live, project type (internal, public-facing) and budget or time overruns? (It is okay to send me just the raw data - project, budget, due date, defects, overruns and I will do the analysis)

Yours faithfully,

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Dear █████████

BCE FOI/2020/07

Thank you for your FOI request of 5 March 2020 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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Boundary Commission England Information Mailbox   9 March 2020 at
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1. The BCE submits budgets for financial years, not calendars year and we do not hold information for the 2019 calendar year. However, the IT budget for the 2019/2020 financial year is £10K. Total expenditure will not exceed this amount.
2. 100%, all for software support.
3-9 inclusive - not applicable

The Boundary Commission for England is a small, arms-length government body located in accommodation on the government estate, and most of our IT and IT support is supplied to us by the Cabinet Office. Apart from the answers I have given for the IT expenditure that the BCE had procured itself for specific purposes, all our other It requirements are provided by the Cabinet Office, and this is information that we do not hold. 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:

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