

FOI DOF/2024-0062

Request

Received on 23 January 2024:

Thank you for providing information on your entity's spending at <https://www.data.gov.uk/dataset/c4111f4b-9586-416b-b1d2-3089a1807c35/department-of-finance-departmental-expenditure-over-25-000-23-24>. However, I'm unable to find any details on the transactions made by your entity prior to April 2022.

Therefore, I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all of your entity's transactions over £25,000 for January 2016 to March 2022. Please provide the data in a machine-readable format (preferably csv). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.

Received on 2 February 2024:

I understand that my request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600 as set out in the Fees Regulations. Please could I amend my request to only ask for January 2020 to March 2022?

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

Background

The original request (DOF/2024-0045) was submitted on 23 January 2024. Information was held for the original request, however, under Section 12 of the FOI Act, the Department considered that the cost of complying with the original request exceeded the appropriate limit of £600 as set out in the Fees Regulations.

A refined Freedom of Information request (DOF/2024-0062) was received on 2 February 2024 which reduced the date range for the information requested.

Response to request for information

The information you have requested is held by the department but is exempt under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 21 applies to information that is already reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

A list of Department of Finance expenditure over £25,000 from January 2020 to March 2022 is now available on the OpenDataNI website [here](#).