

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0485 - Printing Companies
Date: 25 April 2017 07:03:19
Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 24 March 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I would like to request the following information from the local authority in regards to printing frameworks/contracts:

- a) Total expenditure on the part of the local council allotted to printing companies within the borders of the constituency**
- b) Total expenditure on the part of the council allotted to printing companies based in Scotland but outside the constituency**
- c) Total expenditure on the part of the council allotted to printing companies based outside of Scotland with no manufacturing base or HQ in Scotland**

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **printing frameworks/contracts** as the cost of providing it has been calculated as being in excess of the statutory maximum (£600). To explain this, it would involve an ACC Officer checking through at least 330 transactions for 2016/17 alone and extracting the relevant information. This has been calculated at 5 minutes, which equates to approximately 168 hours, at the cost of £2,516.25 in total.

In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby give notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 12 - Excessive Cost of Compliance - of the FOISA.

ACC would be happy to discuss ways in which you may refine your request, so we can provide some information of interest to you within the maximum cost limits. Please do contact the Information Compliance team, who will be happy to advise you, if this is something you would like to pursue.

d) The outlines of the decision making process for award of printing contracts/jobs in each framework e.g. price, capability, location etc.

Any printing (photocopying etc) would have been undertaken using photocopiers in place via contract with Xerox. With regard to any extra printing (posters, leaflet runs etc) these would have been produced by Services getting quotations. The information regarding call-offs from frameworks or quotation processes is not available centrally as this would have been undertaken individually by Services.

e) A list of participants in all frameworks and decision making process

No list is available as quotations etc would have been completed by each Service, and details of quotations requested and received are not held centrally.

Could info please be provided for the last five financial years.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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