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25 May 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00229**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 25 April in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding temporary labour usage in your organisation, including contractors, temporary workers, and freelancers.*

*Please can you provide me with the following information for the most recent complete fiscal year:*

- *Total number of temporary workers engaged by your organisation, broken down by department or function, if possible.*
- *Total annual expenditure on temporary workers, including a breakdown of costs by department or function, if possible.*
- *Total number of agency suppliers (Preferred Suppliers/non-Preferred Suppliers) in your organisation's labour supply chain*

*Details of any existing Managed Service Programme or Provider (MSP) and/or Vendor Management System (VMS) used to manage temporary workers:*

- *Name of the MSP and VMS*
- *Date the contract was awarded*
- *Date of contract expiration*
- *Name of the government procurement framework through which the MSP and VMS were procured.*

*Details of any upcoming retendering or renewal processes related to your MSP and VMS contracts:*

- *Anticipated date for the retendering or renewal process to commence.*
- *Name and contact information of the person responsible for overseeing the retendering or renewal process.*

*Please can you provide the information in the form of an Excel spreadsheet.*

**Our response**

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds some information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

We note that you sent the same request to several research councils; please note that all research councils, Innovate UK and Research England have been brought together under UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) as of April 2018. As this is the case, all your requests have been collated into a single request under UKRI.

*Total number of temporary workers engaged by your organisation, broken down by department or function, if possible.*

*Total annual expenditure on temporary workers, including a breakdown of costs by department or function, if possible.*

The most recent audited data on number of temporary workers and costs of contingent labour is available on pages 124 and 128 of [UKRI's 2021/22 Annual Report and Accounts](#)<sup>1</sup>. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act - Information already reasonably accessible, as the information you have requested is already available in the public domain, we have provided the link above. Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

*Total number of agency suppliers (Preferred Suppliers/non-Preferred Suppliers) in your organisation's labour supply chain*

UKRI uses both RM3749 (Alexander Mann) Public Sector Resourcing (PSR) as a default, and RM6160 to compliment (Hays and others on the framework).

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- *Date the contract was awarded.*
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UKRI uses PSR or RM6160 which are both managed via Crown Commercial Service so we hold no details about when it was awarded or expires.

*Details of any upcoming retendering or renewal processes related to your MSP and VMS contracts:*

- *Anticipated date for the retendering or renewal process to commence.*
- *Name and contact information of the person responsible for overseeing the retendering or renewal process.*

Use of Public Sector Resourcing is the default, and UKRI's intention is to continue using PSR until it is known what will supercede it; PSR currently expires in Jan 2024 but the date for retendering or renewal is not known at this stage. UK SBS will run any process for re-tendering on behalf of UKRI.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance  
Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto:foi@ukri.org)

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.


If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/publications/ukri-annual-report-and-accounts-2021-to-2022/>  
UK Research and Innovation, Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon SN2 1FL

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

  
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