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13 October 2026

Dear [REDACTED],

Response to information request – partial release - ESS.IR.045

I am writing in response to your email of 18 September 2026, requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). The information you requested is as follows:

“I am requesting:

1. Software asset and contract registers

If Environmental Standards Scotland maintains any of the following, please provide the current version:

- a software asset register or application register
- an ICT or digital contract register

Please supply these in machine-readable form (Excel) rather than PDF if possible. If any field in a register is exempt, please provide the register with that field removed rather than withholding it in full.

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2. Expenditure on named suppliers

For the financial year 2025/26, please state the total expenditure on products and services originating from each of the following:

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Oracle
- (c) Amazon Web Services

Please include spend made through a reseller, licensing solution provider, systems integrator, managed service provider or public sector framework, as well as any spend made directly with the supplier.

3. Licence and subscription volumes

As at 31 March 2026, please state the number of licences or subscriptions held for each of the following categories:

- Microsoft Windows (desktop and server operating systems)
- Microsoft 365 / Office
- All other Microsoft products (including Dynamics, SQL Server and Azure subscriptions)
- Oracle database products
- Oracle application products
- All other Oracle products

If licences are held under an enterprise agreement or similar arrangement that does not record a per-user count, please say so and give the metric that is used instead.

4. Total software expenditure

For the financial year 2025/26:

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- (a) total expenditure on all software licences, subscriptions and cloud services
- (b) a list of every software or cloud supplier on which Environmental Standards Scotland spent more than £50,000, with the amount spent on each”

Our response

1. Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS) does not hold or maintain any software asset register, application register, ICT or digital contract register. Accordingly, this is a notice, under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that the information is not held.
2. ESS holds some of the information you have requested, but as most of the products used by ESS are managed centrally by Scottish Government rather than by ESS, we do not hold all of the information.
 - a. ESS does not hold the total expenditure on products and services originating from Microsoft. Accordingly, this is a notice, under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that the information is not held.
 - b. ESS does not hold the total expenditure on products and services originating from Oracle. Accordingly, this is a notice, under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that the information is not held.
 - c. The total expenditure by ESS on Amazon Web Services for the financial year 25/26 was £1596.15.
3. ESS holds some of the information you have requested, but as most of the products used by ESS are managed centrally by Scottish Government rather than by ESS, we do not hold all of the information.
 - a. ESS does not hold information on the total number of licences or subscriptions held for Microsoft Windows. Accordingly, this is a notice, under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that the information is not held.

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- b. The total number of licences or subscriptions ESS held at 31 March 2026 for Microsoft 365/Office was 34.
 - c. ESS does not hold information on the total number of licences or subscriptions held for all other Microsoft products as these would likely be included within the 365 licence. Accordingly, this is a notice, under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that the information is not held.
 - d. ESS does not hold information on the total number of licences or subscriptions held for Oracle database products. Accordingly, this is a notice, under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that the information is not held.
 - e. The total number of licences or subscriptions ESS held at 31 March 2026 for Oracle applications was 16.
 - f. ESS does not hold information on the total number of licences or subscriptions held for all other Oracle products. Accordingly, this is a notice, under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that the information is not held.
4. Total software expenditure for financial year 2025/26.
- a. Total expenditure on all software licences, subscriptions and cloud services was £38,7480 (excluding the Microsoft 365 licence costs as detailed in response 2. a)
 - b. ESS has no suppliers where we have spent over £50,000 on software.

Right to seek a review

While we believe we have complied with your information request in full, if you are unhappy with this response to your request under FOISA, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response by writing to:

Mark Roberts

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Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter.

We will issue a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of receiving it.

Yours sincerely,

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