

## **F-2016-00263- Software licences 2014-15**

26 October 2016

### **Summary of request**

The Authority has been asked for information regarding software licences.

### **HFEA response**

Please find the HFEA's responses below in red.

Please provide details of expenditure on software for the years 2014/15 and 2015/16 broken down by software supplier.

Section 43(2) provides that information may be exempt information, subject to the public interest, if the release of the information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the public authority holding it.

The HFEA is fully committed to the importance of transparency and the need to account for public funds. However, account has to be taken of the need to ensure that the commercial interests of third parties are not prejudiced or undermined by disclosure of information which could adversely impact on future business and, indeed, the confidence our suppliers have in us as an organisation. There is therefore a need to protect the legitimate commercial interests of our suppliers.

Whilst I accept the public interest in disclosing this information would promote greater transparency in the allocation of public money, in this case we consider that the public interest in favour of disclosing such information is outweighed by the necessity to protect the commercial interests of third parties. The public interest is best served by ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly and that there is competition for public sector contracts.

You may wish to be aware that goods or services can only be supplied to the HFEA by organisations that are registered with the Crown Commercial Service.

Please provide details of software contracts due to expire before 31st December 2017, broken down by supplier and date.

Trustmarque  
Office 365 Subscription  
01/12/2016

Pinnacle  
Sage 200 Support  
01/11/2016

Pinnacle  
Audit Log Support  
06/11/2016

Redgate software  
SQL Bundle Support  
15/08/2017

Please provide details of expenditure on perpetual software licences for the years 2014/15 and 2015/16 broken down by software supplier.

The HFEA did not incur any expenditure on perpetual software licences for the years 2014/15 and 2015/16