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Dear ,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 24 January where you requested information about which companies were awarded contracts to build border infrastructure at Larne, Belfast and Warrenpoint and what is the total cost to the public of this work.

I am writing to advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that we hold the information which you requested on 24 January.

I will answer these in the two parts, as requested. Firstly, contracts for Northern Ireland's Points of Entry (PoE) were awarded to John Graham Construction Ltd for Larne Harbour, Felix O'Hare & Co Ltd for Belfast Harbour and CTS Projects Ltd for Warrenpoint Harbour.

Secondly, a business case for the work necessary to carry out the required Sanitary and Phytosanitary checks at Northern Ireland's PoE was approved by officials in the Department of Finance and Her Majesty's Treasury and funding of £45.4 million was secured to meet the costs of infrastructure, IT and staff resources. An additional £5 million was secured to cover the costs of contingency buildings to meet the 31 December transition readiness deadline.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: The Review Section, The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Information Management Branch, Room 507, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, BELFAST, BT4 3SB.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,



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