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Finance Division
Jubilee House
111 Ballykelly Road
Ballykelly
Limavady
BT49 9HP

21 October 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your requests for information received by the Department on 5 October 2022 which sought the following information for the period 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022:

1. What was the total allocated recruitment budget for this period?
2. What were the total recruitment advertising costs with all job boards and external agencies for this period (not including temporary agency staff)?
3. What were the total costs for all of your temporary agency staff for the above period?
4. Who were these suppliers?
5. What was the total cost per supplier?

And further request which sought

1. What is the total recruitment budget for this period?
2. Who is the senior responsible officer/board member(s) responsible for dispensing this budget?
3. What is the organisational structure within your recruitment and HR teams at DAERA?

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I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested. The department can provide information in response to parts 3 to 5 of your initial request in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Supplier	Total cost per supplier 2021/22
CPL Resources LTD	£10,497
Eville & Jones LTD	£641,138
Hays	£41,892
Kennedy Recruitment LTD	£13,402
Premiere Employment LTD	£4,101,427
Staffline Recruitment	£272,463
UK Recruitment Co Limited	£218,322
Total	£5,299,141

For the remainder of the information you seek, HR services when centralised shortly after the formation of DAERA, therefore this Department does not have any HR staff structure or budgetary responsibility with regard to recruitment. This is held centrally by the Department of Finance; you should therefore direct your request to them via the following email address: foi@finance-ni.gov.uk

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

Financial Reporting Branch
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