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Request

You asked us: *"...I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation. Please may you provide me with:*

- 1. When are you next going through an audit of the national fraud initiative?*
- 2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?*
- 3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract..."*

We received your request on 25 June 2024.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

Having conducted reasonable searches of our records, we can confirm that we hold some information in the scope of your request.

In relation to request one, having conducted an online search, the data controller for the national fraud initiative is the Cabinet Office (CO). As such, we have understood this to be a request to know when we are next going to conduct an audit of the CO.

In response to this part of your request, we can confirm that we do not hold information in the scope of your request. This is because we have no plans to audit the CO.

We can advise that we develop our audit plans on an annual basis and these are based upon the ICO's strategic priorities and a risk assessment process. This is outlined in our [guide](#) to data protection audits.

In relation to request two, we have understood this to be a request to know what current policies or procedures we have in place against fraud.

In response to this part of your request, please find attached our fraud awareness and response plan. We also have a counter fraud, bribery and corruption [policy](#) on our website.

In relation to request three, we do not hold information in the scope of your request. This is because we don't have a contract for any confirmation of payee software incumbent products. This is because we tend to conduct manual confirmations instead.

This concludes our response.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full [review procedure](#) on our website.

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can [raise a complaint](#) through our website.

Your information

Our [privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and sets out [your rights](#). Our [Retention and Disposal Policy](#) details how long we keep information.

Yours sincerely

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