

4th August 2009

Your ref: Letter dated 07/07/09

Our ref: R00135

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 7th July 2009.

Your request to SEEDA is:

I am writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act, over the periods 2007-7, 2007-8, 2008-9, financial years.

- 1. How many staff has your organisation employed in each of the past three years? (By staff, I mean those paid salaries in the direct employ of your organisation)*
- 2. How much did you pay these staff in total in each of the last three years?*
- 3. How many consultants have you employed in each of the last three years?*
- 4. How much have you spent on employing these consultants in each of the past three years?*
- 5. Please break this figure down by the names of the consultancies, the number of consultants and the total amount paid to that consultancy them in each of the last three years.*

Where possible, please give an indication of the role they performed for you.

For Example:

	<i>Number of employees</i>	<i>Total pay</i>	<i>Reason for</i>
<i>employment</i>			
<i>Counsulancy</i>	<i>xx</i>	<i>£xx</i>	<i>xxx</i>

6. Please also disclose the amount paid to your top 5 highest paid individual consultants in each of the last three years, by daily rate. Please also disclose the consultancy they work for, and the role they performed for you.

Information requested

1. Number of staff employed for 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09

The average number of staff paid salaries and employed directly by SEEDA in each of the past three years is given in the following table:

2006-07	=	308
2007-08	=	322
2008-09	=	314

2. How much above categorised staff were paid in last three years

The staff contained in the above category, were paid the amounts provided in the following table:

2006-07	=	£15.799m
2007-08	=	£17.215m
2008-09	=	£17.594m

The figures provided include salaries and wages (including overtime), pensions and national insurance contributions.

3. How many consultants employed in 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09

The number of consultancy firms employed by SEEDA in the last three years is provided in the table below:

2006-07	=	82
2007-08	=	51
2008-09	=	47

We are unable to identify how many individual consultants have been engaged since contracts are awarded under competitive tender for the totality of the work being procured.

4. Cost of employing above consultants in 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09

The total amount SEEDA spent in contracts with these consultancy firms is provided in the table below:

2006/07	=	£851,375
2007/08	=	£452,544
2008/09	=	£379,748

5. Names of consultancies, consultant numbers and total paid

Names of consultancies, total paid and the primary purpose for their engagement during 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 is attached in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

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6. Details of top 5 highest paid individual consultants in last three years

Details of the top 5 highest paid consultancies, and the total amount paid to them in each of the last three years is provided in the table below:

2006/07	Genecon LLP	£ 83,864
	KPMG LLP	£ 73,428
	Computer People Limited	£ 73,042
	King Sturge Management Limited	£ 52,888
	Bbp Regeneration Limited	£ 45,558
2007/08	Genecon LLP	£102,913
	PKF	£ 72,504
	Bbp Regeneration Limited	£ 51,651
	Arup	£ 28,877
	East Oxford Action Limited	£ 26,577
2008/09	Bbp Regeneration Limited	£123,251
	Best Foot Forward	£ 47,880
	PKF	£ 43,929
	Genecon LLP	£ 26,881
	PriceWaterhouseCoopers	£ 26,000

The top 5 consultancies would have been engaged on a number of assignments/projects and would have been contracted through competitive tender and/or multi-annual framework panels.

Suppliers on "most used" framework panels are:

- Genecon LLP - SEEDA's Economic Appraisal Panel
- KPMG LLP - OGC Buying Solutions Panel
- Computer People Ltd - OGC Buying Solutions Panel

- King Sturge Management Limited - SEEDA's Development Management Panel
- BBP Regeneration Ltd - SEEDA's Economic Appraisal Panel
- ARUP - SEEDA's Economic Appraisal Panel
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers - OGC Buying Solutions Panel

PKF, East Oxford Action Ltd, and Best Foot Forward, would have been competitively tendered or on other Public Sector framework panels.

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