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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST
PROCUREMENT REFORM (SCOTLAND) BILL
CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE QLTR TO A SUPPORTED BUSINESS**

Thank you for your letter of 19 March requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request was in the following terms:

"As a contracting authority covered by the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill can you provide details of the number of contracts awarded to a supported business in the past 5 years broken down by each year?"

No information is held by the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer (the QLTR) on the matter you require. The QLTR has not awarded a contract to a supported business (as defined in regulation 7 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012) in the last 5 years.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you do have the right to ask us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to The QLTR, Unit 5, 14 South St Andrew Street, Edinburgh EH2 2AZ, or for requests sent by e-mail to cogltr@copfs.gsi.gov.uk.

The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.

If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, there is a right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of FOISA.

Should you subsequently wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision on such an appeal, there is a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.