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Dear Mr Rakesh Gureem

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email of 13 October 2015 which was received by the Greater London Authority. You had requested information under the FOI act

Our responses to your questions are as follows:

1. Who is part of your software development and testing framework?

The GLA does not currently use a specific software development framework. When software development is required we currently procure the services of a development partner in accordance with our established procurement rules.

In 2014-15 the GLA did use a framework for software testing services. The was the Transport for London OJEU tendered framework: TfL/Co/1810 Digital Services Framework

2. What is your spend anually for developement and testing of software?

The spend in financial year 2014-15 through the Digital Services Framework for testing services was £102k. The GLA is undertaking a major project to redevelop our website (www.london.gov.uk). All of these testing costs arise from this new website project. Hence the costs are higher than typical.

3. Can you confirm if any further regional frameworks exist for such services in addition to the framework referred to in question 1?

We are not aware of any other London-wide software development or testing frameworks. Transport for London is part of the GLA group, and the GLA itself typically uses TfL or central government frameworks.

4. When are the framework(s) referred to in question 1 and/or question 3 subject to re-procurement?

The Digital Services Framework used for testing services expired on 31/3/2015. In future the GLA will use existing Crown Procurement Services frameworks, such as G-Cloud, for these requirements.

5. Who is your point of contact for IT procurement?

IT Procurement is a very broad area covering hardware, software, and consumables. Transport for London handles IT procurement for the Greater London Authority as part of a back office, shared services agreement. For the GLA, the relationship between the GLA and TfL IM Procurement is overseen by Chris Imthurn, Business Manager in the Technology Group at the GLA.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, ensuring that you quote the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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