

**Subject:** Information on accounting software and applications used by National Records of Scotland (NRS)

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**Information requested:**

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**NRS Response:**

**1. “What financial accounting software do you use?”**

We use a shared service, the Scottish Government Enterprise Accounting System (**SEAS**), provided by Scottish Government to NRS and a number of other public sector bodies. SEAS employs Oracle Financials on an Oracle e-Business Suite R12 platform.

**2. “Who supplies your financial accounting software (name of vendor or supplier)?”**

Oracle Corporation (UK) Limited – 2001

**3. “What was the original date of purchase or contact start date for your accounting software?”**

The Scottish Government began using Oracle e-Business Suite on 24 December 2001. NRS have used SEAS since it was implemented on 1 April 2011.

**4. “When is the contact renewal or expiry date for your accounting software?”**

The Scottish Government has perpetual licenses to use the software provided by Oracle Corporation (UK) Limited. However, the support is re-procured in accordance with UK and EU procurement rules. The current contract will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**5. “If relevant, what is the cost of annual support and maintenance (last financial year April 2016- March 2017) for your accounting software?”**

The annual cost of Scottish Government’s application software support contract with Oracle Corporation (UK) Limited is £508,944.44 plus applicable tax.

The annual cost of Scottish Government’s database software and licensing support contract with Oracle Corporation (UK) Limited is £89,297.56 plus applicable tax.

The annual cost of Scottish Government’s hardware and operating system support contract with Oracle Corporation (UK) Limited is £40,288 plus applicable tax.

**6. “Is Your IT in-house or outsourced, if outsourced, who is it outsourced to, and when is this contract up for renewal?”**

NRS has its own IT function. Some services are delivered via the use of third parties into that function.

**7. “Could you confirm if your organisation has any applications (computer systems) running on the Fujitsu (formerly ICL) VME operating system?”**

NRS do not have any applications running on the Fujitsu VME operating system.

**8. “If so, please list the names of these applications and their main role within your organisation?”**

N/A

**9. “Please also confirm if you have applications;**

**“a) Operating on any other legacy platform such as OpenVME, IBM iSeries or written in legacy code such as Powerbuilder, COBOL etc?”**

NRS does not run services on OpenVME, IBM iSeries or written in legacy code including Powerbuilder or COBOL.

**“b) Any operating system considered expensive or (technically) challenging to enabling digital transformation?”**

You have indicated that your request relates to types of accounting software and applications. As explained above we use a shared service provided by Scottish Government. For information in relation to this service you should make a request directly to the Scottish Government (email: [ceu@gov.scot](mailto:ceu@gov.scot)).

**“c) That are critical to the business but are at risk due to the scarcity of ageing support personnel or limited documentation?”**

NRS does use applications for which there is limited documentation, but none of these are for financial accounting purposes.

**10. “Please confirm if these applications have been developed in-house i.e. they are bespoke to your organisation and that you own the source code.”**

NRS owns the source code for those applications that were developed in-house.