

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 31st 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).

“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.