

Subject: Information on ICT expenditure in National Records of Scotland (NRS)

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Date responded: 21 August 2018

Information requested:

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NRS Response:

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the costs of locating, retrieving and providing all of the information requested would exceed the upper cost limit of £600. This is because we do not centrally record information on actual and budgeted expenditure for all of the categories requested. Gathering this information would require analysis of multiple transactions across different departments and projects. Staff time spent on locating, retrieving and collating all of this information would exceed the cost limit.

Under section 12 of FOISA public authorities are not required to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the upper cost limit, which is currently set at £600 by Regulations made under section 12.

By narrowing the scope of your request to actual and forecast expenditure for hardware, software and staff we have been able to provide the information in the table below within the upper cost limit.

	2016/17 (Actuals)	2017/18 (Actuals)	2018/19 (Forecast)
Hardware	£707,141	£1,533,507	£1,395,216
Software	£929,288	£1,156,723	£1,193,161
Staff	£2,035,538	£2,363,904	£3,971,120