

22 June 2023

Dear

ATISN 18532 – Solicitors Service Framework

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 24 May 2023. You asked for further information regarding the Solicitors Services Framework which included:

- The contractual Key Performance Indicators for the suppliers on this Framework;
- Names of all Suppliers who bid for the contract and which were successful and unsuccessful with their bids;
- Current spend against this Framework to date summarised by Lot;
- Details of the Specification that was published at the time of tender;
- Start and end dates of the Framework and any potential extensions;
- Details of any decision regarding whether this Framework will be extended or renewed at point of expiry;
- Who has responsibility for this Framework within Welsh Government, other than procurement; and
- A breakdown of supplier activity per Lot.

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed.

The Key Performance Indicators related to the Solicitors Services Framework are listed under Appendix 1.

A list of all Suppliers who bid for this opportunity, detailed by Lot, and whether they were successful or unsuccessful can be found under Appendices 2 and 3.

Details of spend through this agreement from the start date in December 2020 up to our latest Management Information Collection period of Q4 Financial Year 2022/23 is included in Appendix 4.

A copy of the Specification that was published at the time of tender is included in Appendix 5.

The Solicitors Services Framework started on 14 December 2020 and expires on 13 December 2024. There are no extension clauses included. A decision on whether this Framework will be renewed has yet to be taken.

The senior officer from WG Legal Services who liaises with procurement on this Framework is Stephanie Evans, Deputy Director.

The information regarding the business gained by Supplier through each Lot is detailed via the spend breakdown included within Appendix 4.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely