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Dear Madam,

Thank you for your request for information dated 04 June 2024 and detailed below.

1. **1. Over the last 18 months, has your department modernised any portion of its existing mainframe IT systems to improve speed, security, cost, or performance?**
2. **When is your primary mainframe system contract due for a refresh/review?**
3. **Are your employees allowed to use generative AI services like ChatGPT?**
 - a. **Can you link to or outline your usage policy for generative AI services?**
 - b. **Have there been any incidents in the last 12 months of employees contravening the usage policies? If so, can you provide examples?**
4. **Does your department currently use AI to optimise business operations? If not, are you planning to explore AI implementation in the next 18 months?**
5. **What is the annual % of your budget spent on digital skills training or upskilling in your department?**

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

IT Assist and Digital Security Engagement in Department of Finance have confirmed that they will answer Q1, Q2, Q3a in their response to you. Department of Justice has no additional information to add to these questions.

- 3. Have there been any incidents in the last 12 months of employees contravening the usage policies? If so, can you provide examples?**

No

- 4. Does your department currently use AI to optimise business operations? If not, are you planning to explore AI implementation in the next 18 months?**

No. Some business areas are planning to explore AI in the next 18 months.

- 5. What is the annual % of your budget spent on digital skills training or upskilling in your department?**

Training is centrally funded and DoJ does not allocate a % of budget.

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Yours sincerely

Records & Information Manager