

Our Reference: 2566

FOI Request dated 18/02/2022 as follows –

Please could you provide the following in respect of each of your previous 3 full financial years:

- *Your annual turnover or operating budget Your total procurement spend (inc VAT), including via Purchase Order/Invoice, Purchasing/Procurement Card, and Direct Debit*
- *Your total procurement/purchasing spend (inc VAT) with Amazon, and its major subsidiaries, including Amazon Web Services (please note that Amazon purchases may be listed under a range of merchant names [i.e. AMZNMKTPLACE, AMAZON MARKETPLACE] within purchasing/procurement card spend data)*

Please could you also answer the following questions:

- *Is your organisation or any part of it subscribed to Amazon Business?*
- *How much of the total spend with Amazon and its major subsidiaries (detailed above) is for the purchase of vouchers for gifting/award or other purposes?*

Response

Please could you provide the following in respect of each of your previous 3 full financial years:

- Q1 – Q2

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

It has been determined that this information is exempt on the basis that s21 of the Act applies – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test, however in order to provide assistance I provide the following links for Q1 and Q2 - <https://www.hull.ac.uk/choose-hull/university-and-region/key-documents>

- Your total procurement/purchasing spend (inc VAT) with Amazon, and its major subsidiaries, including Amazon Web Services (please note that Amazon purchases may be listed under a range of merchant names [i.e. AMZNMKTPLACE, AMAZON MARKETPLACE] within purchasing/procurement card spend data) - **Spend with AWS is £2,762.67 FY20/21 and £1,800.00 FY21/22. All other spend via Amazon is via P Card, which we have only just introduced reporting on. FY 21/22 - Q1 spend £15,420.31 and Q2 spend £12,807.17.**

Please could you also answer the following questions:

- Is your organisation or any part of it subscribed to Amazon Business? - **Yes**

- How much of the total spend with Amazon and its major subsidiaries (detailed above) is for the purchase of vouchers for gifting/award or other purposes? - **No vouchers are purchased via Amazon.**