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I refer to your email dated 22nd January 2024 in which you asked for information in relation to the PPS's gas and electricity contracts and energy management system. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked the following:

“Gas and Electricity Contracts

- 1. Energy Provider*
- 2. Annual Spend for each provider for the past 3 financial years.*
- 3. Contract Duration (Including any extensions)*
- 4. Contract start date*
- 5. Contract Expiry Date*
- 6. Contract Review Dates*

7. *Contact details of the person responsible, including job title*
8. *Total Consumption of Gas, please provide me with the latest figure in cubic metres.*
9. *Total Consumption of Electricity (NHH), please provide me with latest figure in kWh for the past 3 financial years.*
10. *Total Consumption of Electricity (HH), please provide me with latest figure in kWh for the past 3 financial years.*
11. *Contact details of the person responsible, including job title at the very least.*

Energy Management System Contract(s) - Contract(s) relating to the organisation's energy management system. An energy management system (EMS) is a system of computer-aided tools used by operators of electric utility grids to monitor, control, and optimise the performance of the generation or transmission system.

Energy Management System Provider

1. *Annual spend*
2. *Contract duration (Including any extensions)*
3. *Contract expiry Date*
4. *Contract start date.*
5. *Contract Review Date*
6. *Contract description – A description of the services provided.*
7. *Brand of the software.*
8. *Total number of meter points for electricity:*
 - *Non-Half Hourly (NHH) meter points*
 - *Half Hourly (HH) meter points*
9. *Total number of Gas meter points.*
10. *Total number of meter points for specialist gases and liquids.*
11. *Contact details of the person responsible, including job title”.*

Firstly, as regards questions specifically relating to regarding gas and electricity contracts, please be advised that in response to question 1, Firmus provide gas and Electric Ireland supply electricity to PPS.

In response to question 2, the annual spend for each provider for the past 3 financial years is as follows:

2020/2021

Firmus £56,154.72, Electric Ireland £133,172.79

2021/2022

Firmus £89,616.60, Electric Ireland £133,876.43

2022/2023

Firmus £105,747.66, Electric Ireland £247,845.60

In response to questions 3-7, please be advised PPS do not hold this information, therefore in terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I can confirm that under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we do not hold the information you have requested. We respectfully suggest you contact Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) part of the Department of Finance (DoF), who are best placed to assist.

In response to questions 8-10, please be advised PPS do not hold this information, therefore in terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I can confirm that under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we do not hold the information you have requested.

In response to question 11, please be advised PPS do not hold this information, therefore in terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I can confirm that under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we do not hold the information you have requested. We respectfully suggest you contact Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) part of the Department of Finance (DoF), who are best placed to assist.

Secondly, as regards questions specifically relating to the Energy Management Systems Provider, in response to question 1, PPS have a standalone system for which there is no provider and the annual spend is £6, 800 for pre-planned maintenance on the system. In response to questions 2-6, please be advised PPS do not hold this information, therefore, in terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I can confirm that under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we do not hold the information you have requested. We respectfully suggest you contact Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) part of the Department of Finance (DoF), part of the Department of Finance (DoF), who may be able to assist.

In response to questions 7-10, please be advised PPS do not hold this information, therefore, in terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I can confirm that under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we do not hold the information you have requested. In response to question 11, PPS Property Management Team within PPS are responsible.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to info@ppsni.gov.uk. You should state clearly the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

PPS Information Management Team