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Dear

Information request

Reference number: FOI2018/00119

Thank you for your request of 29 January 2018. You requested the following information for the 2016-17 financial year:

- '1. How much did Network Rail spend approx. in 2016-17 for asbestos removal. This to include removals to all buildings and assets demolition and fly tipping
- 2. Is the work carried out by internal staff or external contactors.
- 3. If both, what is the percentage split.
- 4. If external contractors are used, what are the start and end dates of the contracts.
- 5. What are the names of the external contractors.'

I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as the information requested is environmental according to the definition in regulation 2 of the EIR (section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) exempts environmental information from the FOIA, but requires us to consider it under the EIR).

I can confirm that we hold the information you requested.

1. How much did Network Rail spend approx. in 2016-17 for asbestos removal. This to include removals to all buildings and assets demolition and fly tipping.

In 2016-17 we spent approximately £620,000 on asbestos removal – this comprises approximately £260,000 under a framework agreement and a further £360,000 through principal contractors who manage the service directly with asbestos removal suppliers.

- 2. Is the work carried out by internal staff or external contactors.
- 3. If both, what is the percentage split.

Services are supplied through contracted suppliers; work is not carried out by internal staff, so there is no percentage split.

4. If external contractors are used, what are the start and end dates of the contracts.

The Removal of Asbestos Contaminated Materials framework runs from 1 May 2015 to 30 April 2018 (with an option to extend for a further one year, plus one year to 2020).

5. What are the names of the external contractors.

Suppliers on the framework mentioned above are Rhodar, Reactive Integrated Services, Ductclean, OCS, Clifford Devlin and Aspect Contracts.

6. How are the contracts procured.

Network Rail runs an online tendering process which is compliant with European Union requirements for procurement. The website address for tendering opportunities relating to Network Rail is https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html

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Yours sincerely

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