

Luke Thurlow
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Dear Luke Thurlow,

G00705: Freedom of Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 04/11/2021 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act").

Please find below your question, with the University's corresponding response.

Question

Dear University of Southampton,

Are you running an Oracle or SAP ERP solution?

If so, what version are they currently running on and which modules are you using?

Are you planning to upgrade in the next 12-18 months?

Do you have plans to move to a SAAS model?

Do you have plans to migrate our current ERP to a cloud Solution?

Do you run Oracle Databases?

If so what versions, are you planning an upgrade in the next 12 - 18 months?

Do you own perpetual Oracle Licences, do you Pay Oracle directly or through a shared service or other framework?

Do you own Perpetual SAP Licences, do you Pay SAP directly or through a shared service or other framework?

What is the value of the SAP Support contract and when does it renew?

What is the value of the Oracle support contract and when does it renew?

Who is commercially responsible for looking after the contract for the Oracle and/or SAP renewals?

Do you currently work with any SAP or Oracle third party support providers?

Yours faithfully,

Luke Thurlow

Answer

In accordance with [Section 1\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Act, we are unable to confirm that the University holds information of the description specified in your request.

The University considers that your request for information is vexatious and is exempt from disclosure under section 14 of the Act.

We consider it to be vexatious because:

- The courts have determined that an FOI request can be regarded as vexatious if it is an inappropriate or improper use of the right to access information created by the Freedom of Information Act. A right that was created to enable scrutiny of public authorities in the public interest. Public authorities are entitled to consider whether the request has a value or serious purpose in terms of the objective public interest in the information sought and to weigh that against the burden that would be placed on the organisation by having to produce the information requested.
- There appears to be no apparent objective public interest in the information sought; rather, the request seems focussed on furthering your commercial interests.
- Responding to the request would place a burden on the University as staff are diverted from the function that they are employed to deliver, in order to generate information that the University has no business need to create for its own purposes.
- The University advertises tender opportunities on our e-procurement portal called In-Tend, which is accessible to any suppliers that register on the following link: <https://in->

tendhost.co.uk/universityofsouthampton/asp/Home. Procurement contract information is also published on the government portal for advertising tender opportunities [Find a Tender \(find-tender.service.gov.uk\)](https://find-tender.service.gov.uk).

Please bear in mind the continuing and unprecedented challenges facing public authorities at this time and we refer you to the ICO guidance on FOI responses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic here for further information.

If you do not feel that we have dealt with your request in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act, you may request a review. Your request for a review should specify in what respect you consider that the requirements of [Part I](#) have not been met. Please address your request for a review by completing the [form](#) and selecting FOI Review.

In accordance with section 5.3 of the [Code of Practice](#), a request for a review must be sent within 40 working days of the date of this letter. The University is not obliged to accept any requests for a review beyond 40 working days. We will acknowledge your request for a review and endeavour to respond within 20 working days of its receipt but please note that a deadline for a review response is not prescribed by the Act.

The Information Commissioner is responsible for enforcing rights of access to information and the operation of the publication scheme. You may apply to the Information Commissioner in writing (FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF) or [electronically](#) for a decision whether, in any specified respect, your request for information has been dealt with by the University in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act. The Information Commissioner will not normally act unless they are satisfied that the University's review procedure has been exhausted.

Yours sincerely,

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