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## UK GOVERNMENT ANNUAL SPEND ON IBM MAINFRAME COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Thank you for your request of 11 July 2024 asking if we can provide an overall figure for the UK government annual spend on IBM mainframe computer systems.

Having checked our records, I can tell you that we do not hold this information.

You may wish to direct your enquiry to the Government Commercial Function. The contact email address for FOI requests is: [foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk).

I hope this response is helpful. **Annex A** sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request for information under FOIA.

Yours sincerely,

**FOI and Correspondence Officer**

## **Annex A**

### **Statement of Policy**

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at [FOI@nao.org.uk](mailto:FOI@nao.org.uk) or by post to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The FOI & Correspondence Manager will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

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