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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Request: 112021**

Thank you for contacting CITB requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your email, dated 25/05/21, asked for the following information:

1. What was the (£) cost to the CITB, in consultancy fees, for Experian in the co-production of the 2020 report, **"CSN Industry Outlook 5 - year Forecast?"**
2. What was the (£) cost to the CITB, in consultancy fees, for Eunomia Research & Consulting Ltd, in the production of the 2021 report, **"Building Skills for Net Zero?"**
3. What was the total (£) cost to the CITB for all outside consultancy works for the calendar year 2020?
4. What reports/studies are completed for the construction sector each year by CITB employed staff without the assistance of an outside consultancy?

My response is as follows:

1. After contacting the requestor to seek clarification on this question, the following element was clarified in relation to this question: "WITH THE DIFFICULTIES OUTLINED IN SEPARATING OUT AN INDIVIDUAL REPORT GRATEFUL FOR REMUNERATION PAID TO EXPERIAN FOR A TYPICAL TWO YEAR PERIOD FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRACT".

Typically, the cost of all the services provided by Experian in relation to the Construction Skills Network is £140,000 within a financial year, therefore for a 2-year period this amount would be £280,000.

2. £81,833.63.
3. The total cost for all outside consultancy work within CITB for the calendar year 2020 was £1,509,559.67.
4. After contacting the requestor to seek clarification on this question, the following element was clarified in relation to this question: RESEARCH REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2019/20 COMPLETED BY A CITB EMPLOYEE.

We do not collate, nor have the resources to collate data in such a way so as to be able to provide a list of reports produced in any given period by CITB staff without the assistance of external resources or consultancy.

We do not hold the information in the format requested.



It would exceed the costs limit provided for in the legislation to locate and collate the data requested.

We are therefore applying the exemption under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) where in order to answer the request, the costs limit set out in section 12 of the Act would be exceeded.

If you are unhappy with this response, or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting Adrian Beckingham, Corporate Performance Director, CITB, Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Peterborough, PB2 8TY or email [adrian.beckingham@citb.co.uk](mailto:adrian.beckingham@citb.co.uk).

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioners website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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