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Dear

Freedom of Information Request 29-2019

Thank you for contacting CITB requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In your email dated Thank you for your email dated 9 October 2019, in which you asked:

1. It is publicly available information that the following contractors are Build UK members:

Balfour Beatty, BAM, Bouygues UK, Canary Wharf Contractors, Careys, Clugston, Engie, Gallifordtry, GKR Scaffolding Ltd, Ilke Homes, Interserve, ISG, John SISK and Son, Kaicer Building Envelope Solutions, Keltbray Innovation in Engineering, Kier, Lyndon SGB, Mace, Morgan Sindall Group, Multiplex, Osborne, Seddon, Sir Robert McAlpine, Skanska, Trad UK, Vinci Construction, Volker Wessels UK, Wates, Hare Structural Engineers, Willmott Dixon.

Without revealing the grant and levy distribution for any individual company, please state the total levy collected and total grant paid for this group of companies.

2. It is publicly available information that the following trade associations are Build UK members:

ACAD, Acific, ADCAS, Association of Fencing Industries, ALLMI, Arca, ASFP, ASUC, ATLAS, BCSA, BESA, BGA, British Woodworking Federation, CEDA, CEF, Contract Flooring Association, Construct Concrete Structures Group, CPA, DHF, The Drilling and Sawing Association, ECA, EPIC, FeRFA, FIS, Federation of Piling Specialists, HEA, INCA, IPAF, NASC, NAS, NFDC, NFRC, Painting and Decorating Association, RIDBA, Road Safety Marking Association, SPRA, Structural Timber Association, TICA, TTA.

For each of these associations, please quote the grant and levy figure and number of employers.

3. CITB Accounts 2018/19 show £10.7m was spent on Business Improvement (IT). Was this planned, priced and tendered specific project work and has the work been procured under transparent public procurement practices compliant with EU directives and Public Contracts Regulations 2015?
4. CITB Accounts 2018/19 show £10.9m was spent on additional redundancy costs. Please confirm how many staff were made redundant?

My response is as follows:

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Without revealing the grant and levy distribution for any individual company, please state the total levy collected and total grant paid for this group of companies.

The total levy collected for the list of employers provided is £21.3M and total grant paid is £14.9M. I would point out that some of these employers may not have declared membership of Build UK on their levy return and would therefore not be included in the overall Build UK membership figures and values.

2. It is publicly available information that the following trade associations are Build UK members:

For each of these associations, please quote the grant and levy figure and number of employers.

We have prepared a table of information but do need to double check that CEDA in your list should read CECA and HEA is HAE. Once you can confirm that we will provide the information by return to you.

3. CITB Accounts 2018/19 show £10.7m was spent on Business Improvement (IT). Was this planned, priced and tendered specific project work and has the work been procured under transparent public procurement practices compliant with EU directives and Public Contracts Regulations 2015?

The value of £10.7, for Business Improvement (IT) expenditure included in note 6 of the Annual Report and Accounts is not related to specific project work. This is the operating expenditure for the Business Improvement team and includes staff costs of £3.8m, equipment costs including depreciation of £0.8m, maintenance contracts of £4.4m and telecoms and network services fees of £0.6m and other operating costs of £1.1m.

All contracts for supply of equipment and maintenance were procured through the appropriate Crown Commercial Service Procurement framework.

As part of the CITB Reform programme these services and the related staff have now been outsourced to our Enabling Partner SSCL.

4. CITB Accounts 2018/19 show £10.9m was spent on additional redundancy costs. Please confirm how many staff were made redundant?



The cost of redundancy shown in the CITB Accounts 2018/19 is primarily a financial provision. Only 11 people were actually made redundant in 2018/19.

The financial provision was made on the guidance of our auditors the National Audit Office, because the decision to make redundancies was taken in 2018/19 triggering the cost recognition, even though the staff being made redundant would exit the organisation during the 2019/20 financial year.

The provision was for 700 staff being made redundant directly by CITB due to the Vision 2020 project and those staff who may be made redundant by our enabling partner SSCL under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) as a result of the outsourcing contract that started on 1st February 2019. The eventual numbers made redundant and the associated cost realised may vary due to redeployment.

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, Bircham Newton, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE31 6RH or email 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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