

PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

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Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would request you to respond to questions included in the attachment.

For any reason if you are unable to open the attachment do let me know. I can then send the questions within the email itself.

Please note: If you do not have records relating to the questions in the attachment, please pass on this request to your IT department to provide us with the required information.

Response

Please see response to your questions in the table you provided below.

Q1. Can you please list the number of devices deployed by your organisation for the following?	
Device Type	Number of Devices
Desktop PCs	The Department of Finance manage IT equipment on behalf of all NI Government Departments.
Laptops	The Department of Finance manage IT equipment on behalf of all NI Government Departments.
Mobile Phones	The Department of Finance manage mobile phones on behalf of all NI Government Departments.
Printers	The Department of Finance manage IT equipment on behalf of all NI Government Departments.
Multi Functional Devices (MFDs)	The Department of Finance manage MDFs on behalf of all NI Government Departments.
Tablets	The Department of Finance manage IT equipment on behalf of all NI Government Departments.
Physical Servers	The Department of Finance manage IT equipment on behalf of all NI Government Departments.
Storage Devices (for example: NAS, SAN)	The Department of Finance manage IT equipment on behalf of all NI Government Departments.
Networking Infrastructure (for example: Switches, Routers, Interfaces, Wireless Access Points)	The Department of Finance manage IT equipment on behalf of all NI Government Departments.
Security Infrastructure (for example: Firewalls, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), Virus Monitoring)	The Department of Finance manage IT equipment on behalf of all NI Government Departments.

Q2. Does your organisation have plans to procure any of the below services, if yes then please provide information in the below format?	2025/26 Spend/Budget	2026/27 Spend/Budget	27/28 Spend/Budget	28/29 Spend/Budget
Example: Platform as a Service	1,000,000		200000	
a. Cloud computing	There are no current plans to procure any of the services listed.			
b. Software as a Service (SaaS)				
c. Platform as a Service (PaaS)				
d. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)				
e. Anything as a Service (XaaS)				

Q3. Does your organisation have any plans to procure the below services, if yes then please provide required information in the below format?	2025/26 Spend/Budget	2026/27 Spend/Budget	27/28 Spend/Budget	28/29 Spend/Budget
Example: IoT security	50000	50000	80000	
a. Network Security	There are no current plans to procure any of the services listed.			
b. Cloud Security				
c. Endpoint Security				
d. Mobile Security				
e. IoT Security				
f. Application Security				

Q4. Does your organisation have any plans to procure below services, if yes then please provide information in the below format?	2025/26 Spend/Budget	2026/27 Spend/Budget	27/28 Spend/Budget	28/29 Spend/Budget
Example: Data and Analytics	1750000	2000000		
a. Data and Analytics	There are no current plans to procure any of the services listed.			
b. AI and Automation				
c. Digital Transformation				
d. ERP Systems				

Q5. Has your organisation implemented any form of AI or Automation services, and if not, what is the reason for not implementing?	Yes	No	Reason
Example: Yes, Example: No, Legacy System			
a. Implemented	There are no current plans to implement any of the services listed. NICS to provide overall Government Strategy and guidance for Depts.		
b. Minor implementation with completed AI strategy			
c. Plans to develop implementation			
d. Due to legacy systems			

If you have any queries about this letter, or if you feel I have misinterpreted your request please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way PBNi has handled your request, you have the right to request an Internal Review of the decision within two months of receiving this response letter. All FOI complaints or requests for a review should be made in writing to the Head of Communications and Compliance via the FOI mailbox: FOI@probation-ni.gov.uk

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 Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane, Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

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