



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 94

Procurement

Query and Response:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to your recent contract award notice concerning the use of the YPO Supply of Gas Framework (1187).

<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/028406-2026>

To better understand the procurement approach taken, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. Please provide a summary of the procurement process undertaken used to support the decision to procure via the YPO Supply of Gas Framework (1187).

When identifying suitable framework options, it was noted that the majority of frameworks not nearing expiry were single-supplier arrangements. To minimise the risk of disruption, it was therefore decided to use the YPO framework that was successfully used last year for the gas supply contract. A short-term one year contract was established to provide continuity of supply while we review options for a combined gas and electricity contract ahead of the expiry of the current electricity contract.

2. Please confirm whether alternative procurement routes or frameworks were considered prior to selecting this framework, and if so:
 - a. The number of alternative routes considered; and
 - b. Any recorded evaluation or comparison used to make the final selection decision.

2a) Please see the answer above

2b) Information not held

3. Please provide any recorded information demonstrating how value for money was assessed in relation to this procurement, including any records showing the rationale for selecting a single-supplier framework over a multi-supplier framework, and any records showing how supplier prices were evaluated.

Information not held

4. Please provide any internal guidance, policy, or criteria used to support the selection of a single-supplier framework in this instance, over a multi supplier framework.

Information not held

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 28, April 2026