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**Your ref:**  
**Our ref:** RFI 5632  
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Dear [redacted]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CARD SPENDING**

Thank you for your request for information about Government Procurement Card (GPC) spending with a restricted time limit applied, which we received on 9 July 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Preparing the GPC data already published, relating to transactions over £500, takes a significant amount of time and hence cost. Undertaking a similar exercise in respect of all GPC transactions below £500, even for one month's data, would lead to a cost of complying with the request which would exceed the appropriate limit of £600.

We are therefore providing you with the element of the data that we can produce within the cost limit. This is a listing covering December 2012, showing transactions between £100 and £500, although with slightly less detail in the Description column than is published for the transactions over £500.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours

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## Annex A

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## Annex B

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