Access to Public Information Response

April 17th 2018

REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Request sent on April 17th 2018:

I am writing to you under the Code of Practice for Access to Public Information to request information concerning the types of applications that may be in use by your organisation.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested, please provide advice and assistance, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.

1.) Could you confirm if your organisation has any applications (computer systems) running on the Fujitsu (formerly ICL) VME operating system?
2.) If so, please list the names of these applications and their main role within your organisation?
3.) Please confirm if these applications have been developed in-house i.e. they are bespoke to your organisation and that you own the source code.

4.) Please also confirm if you have important applications;

> a) operating on any other legacy platform such as OpenVMS, IBM iSeries or written in legacy code such as Powerbuilder, COBOL etc. ?

> b) any operating system considered expensive or (technically) challenging to enabling digital transformation?

> c) that are critical to the business but are at risk due to the scarcity of ageing support personnel or limited documentation?

States of Guernsey response sent on April 18th 2018:

1.) Could you confirm if your organisation has any applications (computer systems) running on the Fujitsu (formerly ICL) VME operating system?

The States of Guernsey does run the VME operating system to run the Income Tax and Contributions applications for the Income Tax Office and Employment and Social Security respectively.

2.) If so, please list the names of these applications and their main role within your organisation?

These applications are bespoke applications named ITAX and SIR respectively. They both used to assess and administer the collection of revenue, namely tax and contributions.

3.) Please confirm if these applications have been developed in-house i.e. they are bespoke to your organisation and that you own the source code.

As above, these are bespoke applications and yes, we do own the source code.

4.) Please also confirm if you have important applications;

a) Operating on any other legacy platform such as OpenVMS, IBM iSeries or written in legacy code such as Powerbuilder, COBOL etc. ?

We have no other applications on legacy platforms

b) Any operating system considered expensive or (technically) challenging to enabling digital transformation?

There have been no operating system considered expensive or technically challenging to enabling digital transformation in what we have identified so far.

c) That are critical to the business but are at risk due to the scarcity of ageing support personnel or limited documentation?

There are no other known applications in this category.