

1. What is the current situation with Legislation contract, is it all done in-house or is there an incumbent Supplier? If this is currently done in-house what is the reason behind outsourcing now?

The current Legislation contract is outsourced, and there is an incumbent supplier providing hosting, service management, development and publishing services.

2. How is the estimated value/remuneration of this Tender apportioned and when is it paid out during the life of the Agreement? E.g. online element (such as loading” of the content, for hosting, for maintenance etc.) and the print element (what are the likely print volumes?)

An indication of our valuation of each element of the tender will be provided to all bidders who are short-listed for stage 2 of the procurement process. Print volumes are dependent on the amount of legislation published each year. We are committed to producing print record copies of all legislation, as well as for commercial sale. There is also a requirement to produce Bound volumes of all legislation each year – again, the size and number of these volumes will depend on the amount of legislation published.

3. What are the expectations on currency and turnaround times once the legislation is brought up to date including future consolidation?

Our current turnaround time for new amendments to Primary Legislation is three months from coming into force, though we aim to be faster than this in practice, and will be looking to accelerate over the course of the new contract through ongoing editorial system improvements. There are currently no expectations on currency of consolidation for secondary legislation, though we aspire to target this area once Primary Legislation is up to date. This aspiration will be subject to changes in legislation throughput, such as the impact of exiting the European Union. Amendment work is currently carried out by a combination of the in-house editorial team, as well as external contributors (which include government lawyers, students and contractors). There is no expectation that the successful bidder will contribute directly to editorial work, however they will be required to ensure the editorial team can meet agreed turnaround times through maintaining the existing editorial system, and contributing to improvements to the system over the term of the contract.

4. Will the Explanatory Notes continue to be provided to the winning bidder in the same format as now or is the winning bidder expected to produce those too?

The supplier will continue to be provided with Explanatory Notes in web-publishable format by the relevant Parliament or Assembly. The supplier will be expected to publish Explanatory Notes both online and hardcopy. If the format of Explanatory Notes were to change over the contract term, the supplier will be expected to work with the Authority to update publishing systems accordingly.

5. Will the winning bidder need to deliver using the existing systems, processes, house style etc? Or can/are they able to totally replace/redesign the offering?

The existing systems and processes have been developed in collaboration between the Authority and the incumbent supplier in order to meet the publishing and editorial requirements of the Authority. These requirements are very specific, and the existing systems and processes are inter-dependent, however we would consider bids that

replaced these systems as long as they continued to provide the required outcomes (which will be published at stage 2). This is something that would have to be discussed in more detail during the negotiation period.

6. How many members of staff could be affected by TUPE?

We believe that up to 20 people may be affected; full details will be shared with all bidders who are short-listed for stage 2 of the procurement process.

7. Re category 4: what do you mean by 'revenue-generating opportunities arising from the marriage of official leg data?

As well as the current revenue streams associated with the production and sale of hard-copy legislation and bound volumes, we believe that a commercially-minded supplier would be able to work with us to identify opportunities to develop new products and revenue streams. Since the creation of legislation.gov.uk we have generated a huge amount of legislation data, available in a variety of formats, as well as sophisticated tools, infrastructure, and in-house skills and experience, and the highly respected brand of The National Archives. We would be happy to explore potential ideas with bidders during stage 2 of the tender process.