

<b>Recruitment and consultancy freeze – exceptions approved – February 2013</b>
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1. During the month of February 2013, the following exceptions to the recruitment and consultancy freeze have been considered by the Chief Executive, in his capacity as Accounting Officer.
2. The details are shown below:

<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Ref: No. &amp; directorate</b>	<b>Summary of application</b>	<b>Consultancy/ recruitment</b>	<b>Decision</b>
05/02/2013	261 RME	Review of NR's tax and VAT forecasts £30,000	Consultancy	Approved
08/02/2013	264 RPP	Advice/Scrutiny of £200m of NR Costs. Contract extension with Arup/URS  Extension value £29,000. Total contract value £621,000	Consultancy	Approved
12/02/2013	265 RME	Regulatory Economic Advice - Gaynor Mather and Geoff Horton £136,000	Consultancy	Approved
15/02/2013	266 EA	2 X Grade D - Stakeholder Relations	Recruitment	Approved

3. Requests for consultancy valued at <£20,000 considered by the Director of Corporate Operations

04/02/2013	260 EA	Editorial Support for PR 13 £15, 810	Consultancy	Approved
20/02/2013	267 EA	Stakeholder Benchmarking Survey £15,000	Consultancy	Approved