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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST: PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2014 AND CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR THE PRINTING & DISTRIBUTION OF TEXTBOOKS IN 2012.

Your letters on the above mentioned subject matters refer please.

As we earlier informed you, the list of the 2012 and 2013 contracts are being compiled for onward transmission to you.

Equally, as you were also earlier informed, the Commission is invoking the provisions of *Section 15 (1) (c)* as it relates to the 2014 Procurement Plan. You may wish to note that plans are the beginning of a process that in some cases never see the light of day. They are merely proposals that will have to undergo series of tests before they materialize. Your reliance on *Section 2 (3) (v)* relates only to expenditure. You would recall that expenditure refers to funds already spent/utilized.

In response to your request for information on the contract for the printing and distribution of textbooks, note that the list of publishers awarded the contracts for the printing and distribution of the textbooks is contained in the 2012/2013 list being compiled for you.

Executive Secretary: Alh. (Dr) Dikko Suleiman

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Regarding items 1-17 in your letter, please note that item 2 is already in the public domain. As for item 7, the Commission is invoking the provisions of *Section 19 (1) (a)* of the FOI Act. As you are aware and for the avoidance of doubts, Items 12, 14 and 15 are privileged and confidential correspondences between Government Agencies which is not for public consumption. Items 9 & 13 are not available as no contractor has written any query or appeals yet.

Finally and in order for you to properly monitor our procurement activities, we advise that you tract all our advertisements in the newspapers. This will avail you the dates of bid openings so as to enable you attend and watch the proceedings as they unfold.

Thank you.

Alh. (Dr) Dikko Suleiman