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I refer to your email dated 2nd June 2023 in which you asked for information relating to web traffic. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked the following:

“Please could you provide me with information on the web traffic to the following domains from devices associated with officials from your department:

<https://chat.openai.com/>
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Please provide this information as the number of hits to these domains since 2022. By 'devices associated with officials from your department', I am referring to, for instance, laptops or desktop computers used by civil servants at your department”.

In response, please be advised that the PPS do not hold this information. Therefore, in terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I can confirm that under Section 1(1) (a) of the Act the PPS does not hold the requested information.

IT Assist (part of Department of Finance (DoF) provide this service to the PPS. You may wish to direct your request to the Department of Finance (DoF) who may be able to assist.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to info@ppsni.gov.uk. You should state clearly the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

PPS Information Management Team