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Sent by email

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Dear Mr Smith

Your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request which we received on 28 April 2023.

Please find attached the Council's response to your request.

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Yours sincerely
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Request and Response:

1. **What is the actual headcount of persons employed full-time and based at the SSOF on 28th April 2023 by (a) public sector jobs and (b) private sector jobs?**

As of 28 April 2023 the SSOF building was not open for occupation.

2. **What is the forecast headcount of persons employed full-time and based at the SSOF by the end of July 2023 by (a) public-sector jobs and (b) private sector jobs?**

Contracts for tenants of the SSOF are being finalised, it is expected that 30 people will be working from the SSOF by the end of July 2023.

3. **Applying the same criteria for counting, what is the forecast headcount by 31st December 2023?**

This has not been forecasted.

4. **Applying the same criteria for counting, when does the council now forecast that the 150 “immediate” jobs promised in 2019 will be delivered?**

2025.

5. **Previous FOI answers have said the headcount of persons employed full-time at the “Cornwall Spaceport” (presumably all aspects of its operation) was seven – all of them employed by Cornwall Council. Following the initial launch in January, what is the total overall headcount for all aspects of “Cornwall Spaceport” on 28th April 2023?**

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6. **Will companies which rent a “hot desk” to use the SSOF be exempt from business rates?**

No.

7. **Will companies which rent a “hot desk” at the SSOF be entitled to apply for grants from Cornwall’s Shared Prosperity Fund or other public sources?**

Any legally constituted organisation is able to apply for funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund.

Applying for other public funding will be dependent on the specific eligibility requirements of that particular fund.

8. What safeguards exist to prevent companies from fraudulently using a SSOF postal address to gain access to public funds, in the form of grants or other incentives, when in fact their actual headquarters – and jobs – are elsewhere in the UK?

Tenancy of the SSOF is subject to due diligence review and approval by Cornwall Airport Newquay and Spaceport Cornwall.

9. What was the total overall capital cost of constructing the SSOF and who paid for it? Please detail each separate contribution from Cornwall Council, UK Space Agency, LEP etc.

The capital cost of constructing the SSOF is expected to be £5.2m. This will be confirmed once the final account is agreed with the construction contractor. The works form part of the ERDF funded Centre for Space Technologies project, which also included the Space Systems Integration Facility. The project has been awarded £2,228,800 of ERDF capital grant funding and is match funded by Cornwall Council as part of the Full Council decision in 2019.

10. Please provide me with details of the “technical specifications” for the SSOF laboratory that would be available to prospective clients/tenants/customers and the price list – the public-facing sales brochure - together with an explanation or narrative for why any space company should relocate to Cornwall rather than Scotland, Farnborough, Oxford etc.

The Centre for Space Technologies guide and floor plan which includes SSOF is already publicly available on the Spaceport Cornwall [website](#). The ratecard is attached below.

The ground floor Labs will be provided free of fixtures and fittings for companies to fit out themselves. After consultation with businesses at the building planning stage the ground floor workspaces have hard flooring, as opposed to carpet in the first floor offices, and have external door access control. It is planned to retrofit an ISO-7 cleanroom into Lab 1 post building handover.

Cornwall offers space sector companies a unique opportunity to partner with the UK's first operational spaceport, Goonhilly Earth Station, and the fast growing Cornwall Space Cluster. Cornwall is the only location in the UK that offers every part of the overall space ecosystem, from launch, manufacture, TT&C (Telemetry, Tracking and Control), to data downlink and application exploitation.

Information provided by: Economy and Skills Service

Date of response: 31 March 2023

Cornwall Spaceport SSOF ratecard

Room	m2	Basis of charge	Unit of charge	Charge per unit of charge			Charge		
				Daily	Monthly	Term > 12 months	Daily	Monthly	Term > 12 months
Ground floor									
Mission Operations Facility	69	Project	POA		POA			POA	
Clean Room	96	Month	m2		25	21.25		£2,400	£2,040
Lab 2	70	Month	m2		25	21.25		£1,750	£1,488
Lab 3	74	Month	m2		25	21.25		£1,850	£1,573
First floor									
Office 1	21	Month	m2		20	17		£420	£357
Office 2	36	Month	m2		20	17		£720	£612
Office 3	41	Month	m2		20	17		£820	£697
Office 4	56	Month	m2		20	17		£1,120	£952
Office 5 (SPC office)	67								
Office 6	49	Month	m2		20	17		£980	£833
Office 7 Hotdesks	53	Day / month	Desk	25	150	150	25	£150	£150
Office 8	31	Month	m2		20	17		£620	£527
Office 9	18	Month	m2		20	17		£360	£306
Shared meeting room 1	20	Session - half day	Desk	50			50		
Shared meeting room 2	25	Session - half day	Desk	50			50		
Shared meeting room 3	19	Session - half day	Desk	50			50		

Included:

Redundant power

Basic internet

1 @ allocated parking space per office / hot desk

Use of meeting rooms - 2 @ sessions per week