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Dear [REDACTED],

Your correspondence dated 3 June 2014 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

*What is the total spend MOD has made to ARK FZC (Analysis, Research and Knowledge) since 2011, including payments through the Syria Conflict Pool?*

Please find below the information you requested.

There is no record of any direct payments or contracts with ARK FZC (Analysis, Research and Knowledge) in the Ministry of Defence databases. A check was made going back a little further than 2011 and there is no record of a Contractor Code being allocated to this company which would indicate that MOD has never made direct payments to them.

You may be able to obtain UK Government payments made through the Syria Conflict Pool by contacting the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) or the Department for International Development (DFID). Links to their websites are included below.

FCO Website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-office>

DFID Website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Resources Secretariat

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