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Via:

4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Our Ref: FOI2018/07653

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 requesting the following information:

*Attached is some information regarding two contracts awarded in by the MOD – Defence Equipment and Support – Combat Air in 2014/15. These are:*

1. *Provision of a training system to support the delivery of Forward Air Controller training at the Joint Forward Air Control Training and Standardisation Unit:*
  - a. *Publication – 22/08/14*
  - b. *Length – 6 months*
  - c. *Value £870,000.00 - £4,500,000.00.*
  - d. *Location - Northallerton Central.*
2. *Provision of a training system to support the delivery of Forward Air Controller training at the Joint Forward Air Control Training and Standardisation Unit:*
  - a. *Publication – 11/12/14*
  - b. *Length – 36 months*
  - c. *Value £740,000.00 - £74,000.00.*
  - d. *Location - Northallerton Central.*

*I understand from the attached Press Releases ,that the contracts were awarded to the following Companies, either as partners or subcontractors with one another:*

*Finmeccanica – Selex ES (Now Leonardo)  
Meta VR  
Close Air Solutions Ltd*

*Please can you provide the following additional information for each of the contractors regarding the above two contracts:*

1. *The name(s) of the main contractor(s) to whom the contract was awarded.*
2. *The name(s) of their contracting partner(s) supplying the contractual requirements.*
3. *The name(s) of their subcontractor(s) supplying the contractual requirements.*

*For each named contractor(s)/partner(s)/sub-contractor(s) please provide:*

1. *The identity of each party entitled to receive consideration for their part in supplying the contractual requirements.*
2. *The sum paid and/or payable to each of them as consideration for their part in supplying the contractual requirements, clearly identifying the quantum received and/or receivable by each.*

3. *The agreed dates upon which such payments payable/paid to each; and*
4. *Confirmation that all payments under each contract have been paid to the contractors and there are no further sums outstanding.*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. Please find the information you requested below.

1. The name of the main contractor to whom the contract was awarded: The documents you refer to relate to one single contract which was awarded by the Land Equipment Operating Centre in DE&S rather than the Combat Air Operating Centre. It was awarded to SELEX ES Ltd (which is now Leonardo).
2. The name of contractual partners supplying the contractual requirements: The contract is with SELEX ES Ltd. Close Air Solutions Ltd, who are referred to as partner and subcontractor, are considered by DE&S to be a subcontractor. Meta VR are the provider of a software system used by the contractor in the delivery of the contract but are not a subcontractor or partner.
3. The name of their subcontractors supplying contractual requirements: Close Air Solutions Ltd.

For each named contractor (Finmeccanica Selex (now Leonardo)):

1. The identity of each party entitled to receive consideration for their part in supplying the contractual requirements: SELEX ES Ltd as the prime Contractor which has received consideration direct from DE&S and Close Air Solutions Ltd as the sub-contractor which will have received consideration from SELEX. No specific details are held for Close Air Solutions.
2. The sum paid and/or payable to each of them as consideration for their part in supplying the contractual requirements...: £762,646.68 has been paid to Selex ES Ltd of which £446,000.00 was allocated to Close Air Solutions Ltd at the outset of Contract with an additional £19,083.00 allocated to Close Air Solutions at Contract Amendment 3.
3. The agreed dates upon which such payments payable/paid to each: The following payments have been made to SELEX ES Ltd.

- £421,000.00 - 07/04/2015
- £169,343.20 - 07/04/2015
- £53,476.80 - 07/04/2015
- £10,502.00 - 21/05/2015
- £28,284.56 - 06/05/2016
- £21,971.00 - 27/07/2016
- £27,564.56 - 12/05/2017
- £30,504.56 - 08/06/2018

TOTAL = £762,646.68

4. Confirmation that all payments under the contract have been paid to the contractors and that there are no further sums outstanding: The Authority has made all payments under the contract as of 8/6/2018 and there are no further sums outstanding.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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