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Dear [REDACTED],

1. Your original correspondence sent on 4 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:

[REDACTED]

*Last September you were kind enough to identify the 'top twenty' contractors receiving payments from MOD against contracts awarded on a non-competitive basis, and the aggregate value of sums paid to the them against this type of contract, during the financial year 2012/13 (see attached).* [REDACTED]

*I am hoping that you will now provide the same information for the period 2013/14. An indication if it is available and the timescales when it could be provided would be much appreciated*

2. You will see below a list of the top twenty companies who have received payments on non-competitive contracts during 2013/14. These payments are VAT exclusive cash totals and the numbers have been rounded to the nearest £1 million.

Contractor	Expenditure rounded to nearest £1m
BAE Systems PLC	3,033
Finmeccanica SpA	826
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	718
Babcock International Group PLC	700
The Boeing Company	374
QinetiQ Group PLC	369
Lockheed Martin Corporation	279
Thales SA	275
Airbus Group NV	222
Marshall of Cambridge (Holdings) Ltd	168
Lend Lease Group	96
Safran SA	84
Cobham PLC	64
NATS Holdings Ltd	59
Hewlett-Packard Company	50
Raytheon Company	45
Ultra Electronics Holdings PLC	42
Saab AB	41
PA Consulting Group Ltd	39
Serco Group PLC	37

Please note, the data underpinning this analysis has been extracted from the MOD contracts database. This information is initially supplied by Commercial Staff on the DEFFORM 57, which is the detailed statistics input form that is produced when most contracts are established. The contracts database covers the majority of such payments and reflects transactions made by the MOD's Defence Business Services, which handles about 95% of all payments made by the MOD and Defence Agencies to the companies listed. Other payments are made, for example, via British Defence Staff (United States), MOD Trading Funds and through local cash offices. Payments not included are those which may have been made (a) on behalf of other government departments, (b) by the MOD's Trading Funds and Executive Non Departmental Public Bodies (which lie outside the MOD's accounting boundary), (c) locally by the Department, (d) through third parties such as prime contractors or other government departments and (e) in relation to collaborative projects where the payments are made through international procurement agencies or overseas governments.

3. Further information on total MOD direct payments to organisations and at holding company level can be found online in tables 1.01.02 and 1.01.03 of [Finance Bulletin 1.01 - 2014](#).

4. If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

5. If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

6. Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing [DefStrat-Econ-ESES-DEA-StatTL@mod.uk](mailto:DefStrat-Econ-ESES-DEA-StatTL@mod.uk)

7. I hope the above information is helpful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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