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Thank you for your email dated 27 February 2017. You asked:

***Would you please provide the information on Spending on garment / clothing by categories for the latest fiscal year or calendar year?***

I am treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

On 16 April 2015, Team Leidos was chosen by the MOD as the Delivery Partner to deliver the Logistic Commodities and Services Transformation programme. A 13-year contract, worth approximately £6.7bn was signed with UK-based Prime Contractor Leidos Europe Ltd to provide procurement and inventory management of commodity items (food, medical and general stores, clothing, oils, lubricants and gases) alongside storage of non-explosive inventory, and distribution and freight services for all inventory a task then undertaken by Defence Equipment and Support. As part of the procurement function, Team Leidos manage the Defence Clothing Team which is responsible for the development, acquisition, through-life management and disposal of Defence Clothing and maintains an inventory of over 15,000 items from underwear to Combat Uniforms and Ceremonial items. This list includes all categories classified as defence clothing, it does not include specialised Personal Protection Equipment, body armour and specialised aircrew clothing.

Information about the category and value of Items purchased by the Defence Clothing Team in financial year 2015/2016 is contained in the following table:

| Category                     | Value        |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Headwear                     | 1,817,985.58 |
| Shirts                       | 1,464,344.00 |
| PPE – Body                   | 266,403.82   |
| Cut and Sew                  | 5,742,748.08 |
| Survival, Mountain and Artic | 2,649,169.88 |

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| Fire-Fighters and Chainsaw | 481,839.98    |
| Combat Clothing            | 7,614,104.41  |
| Knitted Garments           | 1,190,886.25  |
| Footwear                   | 27,907,891.47 |
| Gloves                     | 2,991,435.40  |
| Ceremonial                 | 2,130,803.32  |
| Parade Wear                | 3,359,366.63  |
| Badges and Insignia        | 861,667.53    |
| Protective Clothing        | 1,215,006.37  |
| Materials and Cloths       | 23,418.34     |
| PPE - Ear, Eyes and Head   | 3,057,672.15  |
| Equine                     | 49,015.21     |
| Taped Seam                 | 5,496,164.13  |


Footnotes:

- PPE - Personal Protection Equipment.
- 'Cut and Sew' is non-operational clothing such as shirts, trousers, jackets and overalls, e.g. constituents of the Royal Navy personal clothing system.
- 'Taped Seam' refers to waterproof garments.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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Yours sincerely

  
DE&S Secretariat