

06 September 2012

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0669-12**

Thank you for your request of 13 June 2012 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your request, you asked for the following specific information:

For each of the years 2002 to 2012 inclusive:

1. How much has the UK Government spent as a total on Private Security Companies (PSCs) overseas? (Please include all spending, including MOD, DFID, FCO etc)
2. Please provide details of UK Government overseas contracts awarded to all PSCs for each year since 2002. Please include a breakdown of the company; dates awarded, contract value, location of where contract is to be carried out.
3. Please provide details on all current overseas contracts involving the following companies:
  - a. G4S
  - b. Aegis
  - c. Control Risks Group
  - d. Edinburgh International

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Private Security Companies (PSCs) are contracted to carry out a variety of important activities and duties including the static protection of premises and the close protection of personnel. They play a vital and necessary protective role in hostile environments, and enable the Government and partner organisations to carry out their work in countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya by providing essential security services, as well as ensuring operational Non-Governmental Organisations are able to carry out important humanitarian work.

We are unable to provide details prior to 2003, details of locally awarded contracts, or contract data prior to 2007, as this information could only be obtained at a disproportionate cost.

You also asked for information relating to Other Government Departments. The Ministry of Justice advice to the FCO is that Government Department's should deal with responses individually and directly.

**1. How much has the UK Government spent as a total on Private Security Companies (PSCs) overseas?**

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has centrally awarded contracts to PSCs in conflict zones to a value of approximately:

<b><i>Calendar Year</i></b>	<b><i>Value GBP (centrally awarded contracts)</i></b>
<b>2002</b>	-

<b>2003</b>	<b>£12.6 million</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>£45 million</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>£52 million</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>£50 million</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>£52 million</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>£52.5 million</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>£49.5 million</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>£41.6million</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>£50.4 million</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>£48.9 million</b>

**2. Please provide details of UK Government overseas contracts awarded to all PSCs for each year since 2002. Please include a breakdown of the company; dates awarded, contract value, location of where contract is to be carried out.**

The following table provides the required information based on the values of centrally awarded contracts with PSCs since January 2007. These contracts may have been subject to variations over the contract lifetime.

<b>Iraq Company</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Contract Value</b>
Armorgroup	Police Mentors and Advisers	Oct 07 - Mar 08	£1.2 million
Control Risks	Mobile Guarding	Jan 07 – Jan 10	£68 million
GardaWorld	Static Guarding	Jan 07 – Nov 09	£17.5 million
GardaWorld	Mobile & Static Guarding	Dec 09 – Mar 13 (Mobile guarding commenced Feb 10)	£56 million
Minimal Risks	Overseas Security Managers and Intelligence Analysts	Sept 07 – Oct 13 (Retendered in 2010)	£2.5 million
Armour Group/G4S	Vehicle Maintenance (for Afghanistan and Iraq)	Feb 09 – Feb 11	£1.1 million

**Afghanistan**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Date Awarded</b>	<b>Contract Value</b>
Armour Group/G4S	Mobile & Static Guarding	Jan 07 – Feb 10	£63 million
Armour Group/G4S	Police Mentors and Advisers	Jan 07 – Mar 09	£1.7 million
Minimal Risks	Overseas Security Managers and Intelligence Analysts	Nov 08 – Oct 13 (Retendered in 2010)	£1.7 million
G4S	Mobile & Static Guarding	Mar 10 – Feb 13 (extended for 2	£69 million

Edinburgh International	Healthcare	years until Feb 2015) Jan 10 – Dec 10	£0.4 million
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#### Yemen

<i>Company</i>	<i>Service Provided</i>	<i>Date Awarded</i>	<i>Contract Value</i>
Minimal Risks	Overseas Security Managers	Oct 10 – Dec 10	£45,000
Aegis	Static Guarding	Oct 11 – Oct 12	£580,000

#### Libya

<i>Company</i>	<i>Service Provided</i>	<i>Date Awarded</i>	<i>Contract Value</i>
Control Risks	Mobile & Static Guarding	Apr 11 – Jan 12	£5.5 million
GardaWorld	Mobile & Static Guarding	Feb 12 – Jan 13	£3 million

#### Somalia

<i>Company</i>	<i>Service Provided</i>	<i>Date Awarded</i>	<i>Contract Value</i>
G4S	Mobile Guarding	May 12 – May 13	£1 million

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#### G4S

The FCO has global contracts with G4S totalling some £36+ million per annum. The highest value centrally managed contracts are for the provision of armed static and mobile security services in Afghanistan (£27 million per annum) and for guarding services in the UK (£4.5 million per annum). Details of the remaining contracts that provide security to FCO Posts overseas are not kept centrally and can only be obtained at a disproportionate cost.

#### Aegis

The FCO has a 12-month static guarding contract with Aegis in Yemen totalling approximately £580,000.

#### Control Risks Group

The FCO currently has no centrally awarded contracts with Control Risks.

**Edinburgh International**

The FCO currently has no centrally awarded contracts with Edinburgh International.