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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of the 18 July 2014 requesting the following information:

"I would like a copy of the MOD ISP contract with KBR in Afghanistan. This should include all costs for manpower supplied by KBR and billed to the Ministry of Defence or British Government This is the Infrastructure Support Project currently due to end this year 2014."

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 40 (Personal Data), and qualified exemption provided for at section 43 (Commercial Interests) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Section 43 has been applied to some of the information because disclosure of such information would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the incumbent contractor.

A redacted copy of the contract you requested is enclosed with this response.

The overall cost of the contract from commencement on 29th December 2011 to currently predicted 28th December 2014 in respect of contractor charges paid, or to be paid by the MOD totals £65,732,759. Note that this cost contains predicted values for Year 3 (29/12/13 – 28/12/14) of the contract at present and the overall cost is likely to decrease as the military activity decreases. It is important in the context of the information provided to note that the scale of services provided by the contractor have varied significantly over the contract term as the extent of the military activity has fluctuated.

The contract term is 3 years (to 28th December 2014) with the Authority retaining at its discretion the option to exercise further option years until 28th December 2017. Accordingly, it may or may not be the case that the contract ends this year as you have suggested.

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, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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.

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>.

Yours sincerely,

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