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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2014 seeking the following information:

"I am currently working on a research project where we are trying to understand the demand for satcom systems in the military domain. The research helps our clients (Defence companies) to understand the market demand for their products. As this information is not available in open source and I haven't been able to get a phone call with an appropriate POC, I would be very grateful if you could provide the data I need through the FOI process. Details below.

Please provide the annual expenditure on procurement of military satellite communication systems and services for the UK MoD. Please provide these figures in GBP (£) by force (Army, Navy Airforce), please include satcom category (equipment type and platform or non-platform usage) and service provider for 2013, as shown in the tables [provided]."

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

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.

This is provided at Annex A in the format of the tables you sent in your original request. You asked for information for calendar year 2013. I have provided the information for Financial Year 2013/2014 since this is the format in which the information is held in the MOD.

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). 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,

**Information Systems and Services HQ
Policy Secretariat**

FOI - [REDACTED] - data request for research project

		Budget		Actuals – FY2013/2014	
Table 1	UK MOD Spending	Allocated Defence Budget for Military Satellite communication Systems for FY2013/2014 £m		UK MOD Spending	Actual Defence Expenditure for Military Satellite communication Systems for FY2013/2014 £m
	Army	0.361		Army	0.190
	Royal Navy _	14.500		Royal Navy	14.889
	Royal Air Force	0.569		Royal Air Force	0.589
	Joint	316.170		Joint	295.250
Table 2	UK MoD Spending	Allocated Defence Budget for Military Satellite communication Systems for FY2013/2014 £m		UK MoD Spending	Actual Defence Expenditure for Military Satellite communication Systems for FY2013/2014 £m
	Satcom Category			Satcom Category	
	Manpack/Manportable	39.676		Manpack/Manportable	32.385
	Ground Vehicle Mounted	19.750		Ground Vehicle Mounted	19.529
	Air Platform Mounted	3.850		Air Platform Mounted	3.850
	Naval Platform Mounted	25.289		Naval Platform Mounted	18.420
	Fixed includes Airtime.	243.035		Fixed includes Airtime	236.734

Table 3

UK Mod Spending	Allocated Defence Budget for Military Satellite communication Systems for FY2013/2014 £m		UK Mod Spending	Actual Defence Expenditure for Military Satellite communication Systems for FY2013/2014 £m
Service Provider	Skynet 5 PFI using Airbus as the single delivery partner.		Service Provider	Skynet 5 PFI using Airbus as the single delivery partner.
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