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Your Reference:

Our Reference:
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Dear Mr 

Your email dated 31st December 2014 is considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to know how many firms were hired under the Framework Agreement for Technical Support for 2014 and what was the cost to the Ministry of Defence?

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information relevant to your request. The Framework Agreement for Technical Support (FATS) has 321 suppliers registered on FATS 4 and 162 suppliers registered on FATS (STS). During 2014, the Defence Business Services Bill Payments Database shows that the MOD let 284 new contracts with 75 suppliers valued at approximately £96.6 million. However, as of 31st October 2014, expenditure during financial year 2014/15 was approximately £112 million. This figure, which is the latest currently available, includes spend against ongoing contracts let under the scheme prior to 2014.

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.

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Yours sincerely,
