



Ministry  
of Defence

Ministry of Defence

D3, Building 405

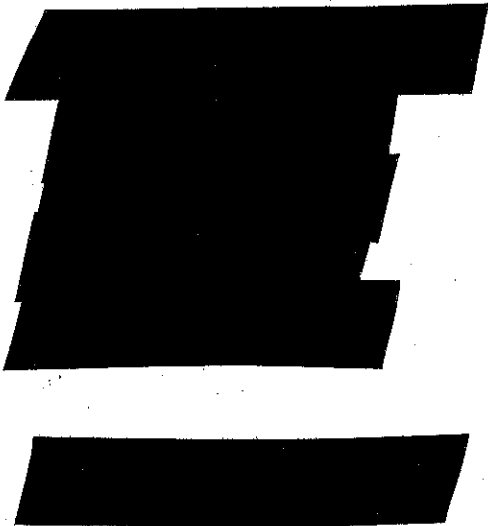
Corsham

Wiltshire SN13 9NR

United Kingdom

Ref. FOI2016/06091

E-mail: [ISS-SecretariatGpMbx@mod.uk](mailto:ISS-SecretariatGpMbx@mod.uk)



1 July 2016

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Your correspondence dated 10 May 2016 is considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested the following information relating to the creation of the "Information Systems and Services Design Authority:"

*"1. Which reports were commissioned or used to inform the decision (such as external consultants studies, internal reviews, etc)? (Please could I have the names of the consultants, the reports and, where possible, copies of the reports.)"*

*2. How many additional Civil Servants will be needed for this facility? What is the projected cost of these people?"*

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

A search of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) is now complete and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held.

Information Systems and Services (ISS) is the Design Authority for Defence Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

In answer to question 1, the establishment of a Design Authority was one of the Chief Digital and Information Officer (CDIO) priorities when he was appointed in May 14 as it reflected good industry practice. There were no consultants employed or reports commissioned to assist with the establishment or subsequent operation of the Design Authority.

With reference to question 2, the Design Authority did not require any additional Civil Servants to be employed as roles have been filled through restructuring and recruitment from other areas within the organisation.

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, 2nd 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.

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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Information Systems and Services (ISS) Secretariat