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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13 Dec 2016 requesting the following information:

[REDACTED] *Once again I am writing to ask if you would be kind enough to identify the 'top twenty' contractors receiving payments from MOD against contracts awarded on a non-competitive basis, and the aggregate value of sums paid to the them against this type of contract during the financial year 2014/15* [REDACTED]

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

I have taken your e-mail to mean that you require 2015/16 data as we provided you with the 2014/15 figures in September 2015. Therefore, you will see below a list of the top twenty companies who have received payments on non-competitive contracts during 2015/16. These payments are VAT exclusive cash totals and the numbers have been rounded to the nearest £1 million.

Contractor	Expenditure rounded to nearest £1m
BAE Systems PLC	3,368
Babcock International Group PLC	815
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	717
Finmeccanica SpA	691
QinetiQ Group PLC	398
Boeing Co	338
Airbus Group Se	198
Thales SA	174
Marshall Of Cambridge (Holdings) Ltd	131
Lockheed Martin Corporation	96
Safran SA	65

NATS Holdings Ltd	57
Raytheon Company	56
Cobham PLC	50
Vinci SA	46
HP Inc	44
General Dynamics Corporation	43
Morgan Stanley	42
Ultra Electronics Holdings PLC	42
Saab AB	33

Further information on total MOD direct payments to organisations and at holding company level can be found online in the excel tables 2, 3a and 4 of <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/mod-trade-industry-and-contracts-2016>. You will also find some more detail on companies paid by means of competitive and Non-Competitive contracting in the Annex to Table 3a.

Please note, the data underpinning this analysis has been extracted from the MOD contracts database. This information (including the competition marker) is initially supplied by Commercial Staff on the DEFFORM 57, which is the detailed statistics input form that is produced when most contracts are established. The contracts database covers the majority of such payments and reflects transactions made by the MOD's Defence Business Services, which handles about 95% of all payments made by the MOD and Defence Agencies to the companies listed. Other payments are made, for example, via British Defence Staff (United States), MOD Trading Funds and through local cash offices.

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Yours sincerely,

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