



Ministry
of Defence

[Redacted]
Defence Equipment and Support Secretariat

DE&S Secretariat
Maple 0a, #2043
MOD Abbey Wood
Bristol BS34 8JH

Tel: [Redacted]



Email: DESSEC-FOI@mod.uk

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Our Reference:
FOI2015/08367

Date: 2 Oct 2015

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 28 September 2015 which requested the following information.

1. *The cost of DE&S manpower substitution in 2014/15 was £46.8 million. Please could you confirm how many people were employed for that sum of money.*
2. *The cost of DE&S expenditure in 2014/15 on the Framework Agreement for Technical Support (FATS), excluding QinetiQ was £99.9 million, Please could you confirm how many people were employed for the sum of money.*
3. *The total DE&S expenditure on external assistance in 2014-15 was £56.2 million. Please could you confirm how many people were employed for that sum of money.*

I am treating your enquiry 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 some information in scope of your request is held.

1. The number of DE&S manpower substitutes employed in 2014-15 is shown in the table below. You will note that this is provided on a monthly basis as, due to the temporary nature of the appointments, the numbers fluctuate from month to month.

Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sept 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15
625	549	489	463	460	472	475	498	464	508	498	443

2&3. The MOD does not hold information on the number of people employed as external assistance or under the Framework Agreement for Technical Support (FATS). In these instances, the MOD does not contract for individuals but for a requirement. The successful contractor is free to deliver that requirement in the most appropriate way, using the number of personnel they feel is most suitable and the MOD does not record that detail. The contractor's pricing for a task will therefore reflect a mixture of costs of labour, facilities and equipment.

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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.