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Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your letter dated 9 June 2015. You asked:

- 1. How much was paid to (a)Ernst and Young, (b) Simmons & Simmons and Willis.**
- 2. The number of other individuals involved and the amount of taxpayers' monies they received.**

I am treating your letter as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information 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.

The overall cost to the taxpayer for support to the LCS(T) programme to contract award was £18 Million. This includes the cost of consultancy and legal services as well as internal manpower dedicated to the project.

For the period 2012/2013 to 2014/2015 inclusive the following payments were made:

- Ernst and Young £5.8 Million
- Simmons & Simmons £4.1 Million
- Willis £0.03 Million

Manpower substitution is a form of external assistance involving an arrangement made with a commercial company (recruitment agency) which, in return for payment, provides personnel to perform tasks determined by, and under the direct supervision of, the Department's staff.

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For the period 2012/2013 to 2014/2015 inclusive the following payments were made for manpower substitution:

- 2012/2013 £0.9 Million⁽¹⁾
- 2013/2014 £1.9 Million for 11 individuals (estimated)⁽¹⁾
- 2014/2015 £2.3 Million for 16 individuals

Note (1): A number of Manpower Substitutes (MS) that worked on LCS(T) were also employed on other MOD projects during this period. For 2012/2013 we cannot determine precisely the number of MS individuals that were employed on LCS(T). For 2013/2014 we have made an estimate based on the number of M individuals that we can identify.

For the period 2012/2013 to 2014/2015 inclusive a total of £2.5 Million was paid to MOD Civil Servants and Military personnel working on the LCS(T) programme. A further £0.4 Million was incurred on accommodation and software.

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



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