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Dear Lucy

Thank you for your email dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 which is considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested the following information:

*What amount has your department spent on goods and services directly purchases from SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) in the following years: 2011/12; 2012/13; 2013/14; 2014/15.*

*What is the total amount spent by your department on goods and services?*

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds some information relevant to your request. Estimated direct expenditure with Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), together with total expenditure by the Department for financial years 2011/12 to 2013/14, is published on the Gov.UK website, but for ease of reference I am including them in the table below.

Financial Year	2011/12 (£billion)	2012/13 (£billion)	2013/14 (£billion)
MOD expenditure with SMEs	1.044	1.096	0.916
Total MOD expenditure <sup>1</sup>	20.071	20.369	20.261
Percentage of Total MOD expenditure with SMEs	5.2	5.4	4.5

<sup>1</sup>. This total excludes payments to suppliers classified as Government or international collaborative organisations. Further detail can be found in the 2013/14 statistical bulletin "[MOD Contracting with Small and Medium-sized Enterprises](#)".

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The estimated SME expenditure for 2011/12 and 2012/13 include Head Office contracts, miscellaneous transactions and payments against the Government Procurement Card for those suppliers whose SME status has been assessed by Dun & Bradstreet. The estimated figure for 2013/14 excludes Government Procurement Card payments. All estimates should be considered minimums as the SME status of some suppliers remains unknown. The expenditure for 2013/14 remains provisional for this reason. Further details are available in the MOD Trade, Industry & Contracts Statistical Bulletin 2014, which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/mod-industry-trade-and-contracts-2014>. The estimates for financial year 2014/15 are not yet available.

You may also be interested to note that recently published Cabinet Office figures, which can be found at the following link

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/central-government-spend-with-smes-2013-to-2014>), provisionally show MOD direct and indirect spend with SMEs to be 19.4%.

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 the DE&S Policy Secretariat at MOD Abbey Wood 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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*Yours sincerely*

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