



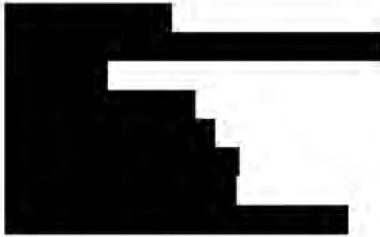
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 24th April requesting the following information:

**FOI 2015/02923 provided UK Defence total expenditure from 1977/78 – 2013/14 in constant and current dollars. Please could I receive the data of the UK Defence Equipment budget (i.e. that spend on equipment purchases as well as research & development) for the same time period (1977/78 – 2013/14) in both constant and current dollars?*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found in the accompanying .xls workbook. The original data provided to Alexandra West was in current and constant prices (£m) and not in dollars. The Excel workbook containing the Defence Equipment expenditure is in the same format and currency as the previously provided information.

A more detailed breakdown of the figures contained within the Excel Workbook can be found in Table 1.03.04 at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/defence-departmental-resources-2014>

Historical copies of the same table can be found in Chapter 1 of the versions of UK Defence Statistics that can be found at the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-defence-statistics-compendium-index>

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140116142443/http://www.dasa.mod.uk/index.php/publications/UK-defence-statistics-compendium>

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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Defence Economics (Defence Expenditure Analysis)

Estimated MOD Equipment Expenditure¹

	Estimated MOD Equipment Expenditure at Current Prices (£m)	Estimated MOD Equipment Expenditure at Constant 13/14 Prices (£m)	GDP deflator ⁴	Defence Total Expenditure Current Prices (£m)	Equipment as Percentage of Defence Spending	
Cash	1975/76	2,064	13,397	15.407		
	1976/77	2,430	13,914	17.465		
	1977/78	2,863	14,430	19.841	6,787	42%
	1978/79	3,303	15,018	21.993	7,455	44%
	1979/80	4,017	15,655	25.659	9,177	44%
	1980/81	5,324	17,473	30.469	11,182	48%
	1981/82	6,121	18,309	33.431	12,607	49%
	1982/83	6,815	19,097	35.687	14,411	47%
	1983/84	7,504	20,127	37.284	15,486	48%
	1984/85	8,573	21,738	39.438	17,123	50%
	1985/86	8,978	21,462	41.832	17,943	50%
	1986/87	8,726	20,068	43.482	18,162	48%
	1987/88	9,146	19,932	45.887	18,856	49%
	1988/89	8,902	18,194	48.928	19,072	47%
	1989/90	9,527	18,064	52.739	20,755	46%
	1990/91	9,863	17,273	57.101	22,298	44%
	1991/92	10,842	17,935	60.452	24,562	44%
	1992/93 ²	9,872	15,925	61.991	23,762	42%
	1993/94	9,781	15,400	63.512	23,424	42%
	1994/95	9,415	14,651	64.263	22,519	42%
1995/96	8,937	13,513	66.136	21,517	42%	
1996/97	9,494	13,772	68.936	22,041	43%	
1997/98	9,373	13,359	70.163	22,945	45%	
1998/99	10,281	14,424	71.277	22,482	46%	
1999/00	10,094	14,016	72.020	22,572	45%	
2000/01	10,408	14,127	73.674	23,552	44%	
RAB ³	2001/02	..	74.791	24,874		
	2002/03	..	76.759	26,991		
	2003/04	10,886	13,899	78.322	29,338	37%
	2004/05	10,754	13,311	80.792	29,524	36%
	2005/06	10,974	13,214	83.049	30,603	36%
	2006/07	11,672	13,683	85.300	31,454	37%
	2007/08	12,380	14,101	87.796	33,486	37%
	2008/09	13,386	14,873	90.000	36,431	37%
	2009/10	13,174	14,269	92.327	37,425	35%
	2010/11	13,994	14,749	94.882	37,645	37%
2011/12	15,368	15,912	96.580	37,608	41%	
2012/13	13,918	14,175	98.190	36,838	38%	
2013/14	15,178	15,178	100	36,217	42%	

|| Discontinuity in Time-series

.. Data not Available

1. This table is derived from the Appropriation Accounts and the Supply Estimates and more recently from the MOD Annual Report & Accounts. The information has been published in UK Defence Statistics since 1992. Payments to civil votes and central government funds are included. Figures include R&D.

2. Figures for 1992/93 onwards have been calculated on a new statistical basis to reflect important changes in the classification of R&D expenditure and these changes are further explained in [Defence Statistics Bulletin 2](#).

3. These estimates are not directly comparable to the old cash equipment procurement time series last published in 2000/01 (UKDS 2002) due to the exclusion of in year stock purchases. It is not possible to identify that element of stock purchases which wholly relates to MOD equipment expenditure.

4. GDP deflators are those published by HM Treasury on 8th December 2014.