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Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

Further to my letter of 1 December, I am now in a position to provide you with a substantive response to your Freedom of Information request, in which you asked a number of questions about the Type 26 Global Combat Ship (T26 GCS) programme. You requested the following information:

1. what proportion of work by value will be carried out by UK-based firms for the Global Combat Ship, Type 26 deal?
2. how many companies in total have been awarded contracts to supply components for the T26?
3. what is the total value of those contracts?
4. which firm(s) will supply the steel to be used?
5. what is the value of the steel to be used according to each firm?
6. where is each firm supplying steel headquartered?

I apologise for the time taken to provide a full response.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds some of the information that you have requested, and I have structured this response to address each of your six questions in turn, although, as you will see, I have provided a combined response to Questions 4, 5 and 6 about the supply of steel.

Under Section 16(1) of the FOIA, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance to applicants and in the responses provided in the following paragraphs, I have marked the sections of the response where this applies. Under this Section of the Act, in relation to all the answers given below, I can advise that the T26 GCS programme is in its Demonstration Phase and the information I am able to provide is based on contracts awarded to this point in the programme. I can also advise that BAE Systems (BAES) is the lead contractor for the T26 GCS programme, and all sub-contracts, excluding the Maritime Indirect Fire System and other government furnished equipment, are awarded by BAES.

Question 1 – what proportion of work by value will be carried out by UK-based firms for the Global Combat Ship, Type 26 deal?

This information is not held. To date, eight Design Development Agreements (DDAs) and six Design and Manufacture (D&M) Contracts have been awarded to UK-based companies. However, we anticipate that further contracts will be awarded to UK-based companies as the programme progresses. We are not therefore able to provide the information requested at this time.

Under Section 16(1) of the Act, I can advise that contracts awarded to UK-based companies to date are shown in the tables below:

Design Development Agreements (DDA)

Company	Equipment Supplying	Location
Cathelco	Hull Preservation	UK, Chesterfield
L3	Platform Management System	UK, Bristol
Marine Systems Technology Ltd	Doors, Scuttles and Hatches X-Y Crane	UK, Middlewich
Rolls Royce	Steering Gear System	UK, Derby
	Stabilisers	UK, Dúnfermline
Salt Separations Ltd	Reverse Osmosis Plant	UK, Rochdale
TOD	Sonar Dome	UK, Weymouth
Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions	Fixed Fire Fighting System	UK, Reading

Design & Manufacture Contracts (D&M)

Company	Equipment supplying	Location
Babcock	Air Weapons Handling System	UK, Leicester
BAE Systems	Meteorological and Oceanic (METOC) Sensors	UK, Dorchester
David Brown Gear Systems	Propulsion Gearbox	UK, Huddersfield
GE Energy	Electronic Integration Test Facility	UK, Warwickshire
	Propulsion Motor & Drive System	
Rohde & Schwarz UK Ltd	Communications	UK, Fleet
Rolls Royce	Gas Turbines	UK, Derby

Question 2 - how many companies in total have been awarded contracts to supply components for the T26?

To date, BAES has awarded 21 sub-contracts for the T26 GCS programme. Under Section 16(1) I can advise 13 of these are DDAs and eight are D&M contracts. I can also advise that it is only the D&M contracts that would deliver any hardware; DDAs cover only Design Information.

Question 3 - what is the total value of those contracts?

The total value of the 21 contracts is £194 Million. This figure comprises D&M contracts valued at £187.43 Million and DDA contracts valued at £6.3 Million.

Questions 4, 5 and 6 - which firm(s) will supply the steel to be used?, what is the value of the steel to be used according to each firm?, where is each firm supplying steel headquartered?

No information held - No orders have yet been placed or suppliers selected for this programme. As for all major defence equipment projects, it is the responsibility of our contractors (in the case of T26 GCS, BAES) to buy the steel on the basis of competitive cost, time and quality. No orders for steel have yet been placed or suppliers selected.

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. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds the information within the scope of your request.

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 the case until the 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.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely,

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