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Dear

Thank you for your email of 8 May 2017 requesting the following information:

*Which contracts do you have for manned guarding services?*

- *Who are these currently awarded to?*
- *What is the annual spend?*
- *When does/do the contract/s expire?*
- *Will the renewals be advertised via Defence Contract Online? If not, can you please advise where contract opportunities will be advertised?*

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below.

*Which contracts do you have for manned guarding services?*

The Military Guarding Service are employed by the Ministry of Defence as Civil Servants and the service is therefore not provided under a commercial contract. The Army also provide the Military Provost Guarding Service, which again is not a commercial contract. However, the Department does have the following contracts for manned guarding services:

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Annual Spend</b>	<b>Expiry date</b>
Service Cotswold Centre Lodge Hill and Chattenden Barracks	This information has been withheld under S21 FOIA. Please see below.		
Security Guarding in the South West	Corps of Commissionaires Ltd	This information has been withheld under S43 FOIA. Please see below.	March 2018
Security Guarding in the South East			

Under Section 21 of the Act (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) I can confirm that the contract award was published on 18 December 2015 and the information you have requested can be found using the following link - <https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests) is a qualified exemption and subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. A public interest test has been conducted and the annual spend information you have requested has been withheld. To release this information may cause a commercial disadvantage to the MOD and the public interest in withholding the information therefore far outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

*Will the renewals be advertised via Defence Contract Online?*

The Department intends to publish a notice of the competition on Defence Contracts Online but the competition will only be open to the suppliers who are registered on the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Framework.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that guidance on becoming a supplier through the CCS, including contact details for requesting further information, can be found using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/become-a-crown-commercial-service-supplier/becoming-a-supplier-through-the-crown-commercial-service-what-you-need-to-know>

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, Ground 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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