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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 30 August 2017 requesting the following information:

'Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request copies of the following:

- *Details of the department's food and catering services, both for in house facilities services and the department's suppliers, including:*
 1. *Proportion of food by value which is to UK production standards or equivalent*
 2. *Proportion of food which has been sourced from UK producers*
 3. *Proportion of food which has been produced to Farm Assured standards or equivalent*
 4. *Proportion of food which has been produced to "Integrated production standards" or other higher environmental standards, for example LEAF or organic*
 5. *Proportion of food which is covered by a scheme that addresses animal welfare issues that go beyond minimum legal requirements, for example "Freedom Food"*
 6. *Proportion of fish which, if farmed, is certified to "Freedom Food" or equivalent and if wild caught is certified to MSC or equivalent*
 7. *Proportion of tea, coffee and sugar certified as "Free Trade" or similar accreditation*
- *Any reports produced by the department since 2010 on its adherence to government buying standards (GBS) with respect to food and catering services'*

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) I can advise you that MOD contractors are obliged to source on the open market and wherever competitive, give full consideration to procuring British products. All current contracts delivered by our contractors are required to abide by the Government Buying Standards (GBS).

The GBS ask our contractors to comply with the MOD Joint Service Publication 456 found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/defence-catering-manual-jsp-456> and the Armed Forces Food Bases Standards.

The MOD is bound by EU public procurement directives which demand fair and open competition for all food contracts involving the expenditure of public funds. The directives do not permit the MOD to specify only British products or only to source products from a particular region as European Commercial Law is such that we cannot specify buying British.

I can advise you to forward your questions directly to the contractors, please see below:

Organisation	Contact	Email Address	Address	Comments
Aramark	Commercial Director, Aramark UK	hello@aramark.com	Aramark, 250 Fowler Avenue, IQ Business Park, FARNBOROUGH, GU14 7JP	Aramark also provide Soft FM Services for Eastbury Park Ltd. PFI.
Carillion Aramark Joint Venture (CAJV)	Managing Director, Carillion Aramark Joint Venture	hello@aramark.com	Not known if there is a separate address for Carillion Aramark Joint Venture	
Sodexo	Chief Executive Officer, Defence and Government Services	Sodexo_Sales@Sodexoservicedesk.com	Sodexo Defence, Aspire Business Centre, Ordnance Road, Tidworth, SP9 7QD	Sodexo also provide Soft FM Services for Aspire Defence PFI and RMPA Services PFI.
ISS	ISS Executive Director, Defence	Allan.Vaughan@uk.issworld.com	ISS Facility Services, Velocity 1, Brooklands Drive, Brooklands, Weybridge, SURREY, KT13 0SL	
Compass Group (Compass/ESS)	Compass/DIO Liaison Director	https://www.compass-group.com/en/contact-us.html	Compass Group, Compass House, Guildford Street, Chertsey, SURREY, KT16 9BQ	Compass/ESS also provide Soft FM Services for Falcon PFI and Landmarc NTEP
Elior	Chief Executive, Elior UK	http://www.elior.co.uk/contact	Elior UK Plc., Lower Ground Floor, 1 Crown Court, Cheapside, LONDON, EC2V 6LR	
Babcock	Senior Commercial Manager Air	https://www.babcockinternational.com/en/Contact%20Us	Babcock International Group, 1 Enterprise Way, Bournemouth Airport, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 6BS	Soft FM Provider: Elior
Aspire Defence (PFI)	Chief Executive Officer, Aspire Defence Ltd	https://aspiredefence.co.uk/adsl/contact-us-2/	Aspire Defence Ltd., Aspire Business Centre, Ordnance Road, TIDWORTH, SP9 7QD	Soft FM Provider: Sodexo

RMPA Services (PFI)	Chief Executive Officer, RMPA Services Ltd.		RMPA Services Ltd., Building P05, Merville Barracks, Circular Road South, COLCHESTER, CO2 7UT	Soft FM Provider: Sodexo
INTEC Services (PFI)	Director, Integrated Support to Operations		INTEC Services Ltd., Room 109, Building 420, Westwells Road, MOD Corsham, WILTSHIRE SN13 9NR	Soft FM Provider: Compass/ESS
Falcon Support Services (PFI)	SPV Project Manager		Falcon Support Services, Building 025, East Gate Office, HMS Drake, PLYMOUTH PL22 2BG	SPV: Falcon FM Contractor: Interserve Soft Services Sub-Contractor: Compass/ESS
Eastbury Park (PFI)			Eastbury Park Ltd., Northwood HQ, Building 105, Sandy Lane, Northwood, MIDDLESEX, HA6 3HP	Soft FM Provider: Aramark
Landmarc (NTEP)	Operations Director		Landmarc Support Services, Head Office, Building 150, Westdown Camp, Tilshead, Salisbury, Wilts, SP3 4RS	Soft FM Provider: Compass/ESS

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat

