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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 January 2018 requesting the following information:

"Please can I request some information regarding your energy supply contracts under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please would you provide me with the following information:

1. *Who, in your organisation, is responsible for deciding how your energy is bought? Please provide the full name, title, email address and telephone number.*
2. *For each of these commodities – electricity, gas and water – please can you answer the following questions:*
 - a. *What is your current contract term – start date (DD/MM/YYYY) to end date(DD/MM/YYYY)*
 - b. *Do you have any options to extend? If so, what are they?*
 - c. *What is your termination notice period?*
 - d. *Who is your supplier?*
 - e. *How many meters do you have?*
 - f. *What is your annual spend?*
 - g. *What is your consumption?*
 - h. *Do you currently procure your energy through a framework/PBO (Public Buying Organisation)? If so, which one?*
 - i. *Do you use a consultancy to facilitate your energy procurement? If so, who?*
 - j. *Are you happy with your supplier?*
 - k. *Are you happy with your PBO?*
 - l. *Are you happy with your consultancy?*
 - m. *What do you think makes a good Supplier?*
 - n. *What do you think makes a good PBO?"*

Please note that your requests to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, Defence Science Technology Laboratory and the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office have been amalgamated within this response.

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below:

Table 1 – Defence Infrastructure Organisation

Question	
1	Energy is procured through central government frameworks.
2a	BGB Electricity 01/04/2014 – 31/03/2018 EDF Electricity 01/04/2016 – 31/03/2020 Water – Expiry – 2028 and 2030 Corona Gas – 01/04/2016 – 31/03/2018
2b	None
2c	3 months
2d	BGB EDF Corona Kelda Water Services, Severn Trent Services Defence and Veolia Water Nevis
2e	Over 10,000 Water – approx. 18,000
2f	Over £200m per annum Water - £100m per annum
2g	Electricity: BGB – 89, 038, 328 kWh EDF – 1, 478, 252, 421 kWh Gas: Corona – 2, 525, 614, 990 kWh Water – 18, 219, 296m ³ - 2016/2017, figures for 2017/2018 are not yet available
2h	Crown Commercial Service Framework
2i	No
2j	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2k	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2l	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2m	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2n	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered

Table 2 – Defence Science Technology Laboratory

Question	
1	Energy is procured through central government frameworks.
2a	Electricity - 27/02/2015 – 26/03/2019 Gas – 27/04/2015 – 26/04/2019 Water (Site 1 and 2) – Indefinite with a review every 2 years Water (Site 3) – Start date 01/04/2017
2b	None
2c	10 days written notice
2d	Electricity – EDF

	Gas – Corona Water (Site 1 and 2) - Kelda Water (Site 3) – Castle Water
2e	Electricity Site 1 – 4 Site 2 – 1 Site 3 – 1 Gas Site 1 – 4 Site 2 – 2 Site 3 – 0 Water (Site 1 and 2) Site 1 – 1 Site 2 – 1 Water (Site 3) 1
2f	Information reasonably accessible by other means (see Section 16 below)
2g	Information reasonably accessible by other means (see Section 16 below)
2h	Electricity - Crown Commercial Services Gas – Crown Commercial Services Water – Site 1 and 2 - through Defence Infrastructure
2i	No
2j	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2k	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2l	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2m	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2n	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered

Table 3 – United Kingdom Hydrographic Office

Question	
1	Energy is procured through central government frameworks.
2a	Electricity – 01/04/2016 – 31/03/2019 Electricity – 01/10/2013 – 31/03/2018 Gas – 01/04/2016 – 31/03/2019 Water - 01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018
2b	None
2c	Variable – 10 days – 30 days notice
2d	Electricity – EDF Electricity – British Gas Trading Gas – Corona Energy Water – Wessex Water
2e	Electricity – 1 Electricity – 2 Gas – 1 Water – 1

2f	Electricity – approx. £470,000.00 Gas – approx. £ 83,000.00 Water - approx £55,000.00
2g	Electricity – 4,841,237 kWh Gas – 2,296,957 kWh Water - 14390m ³
2h	Electricity - Crown Commercial Services Gas – Crown Commercial Services Water – Standalone contract
2i	No
2j	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2k	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2l	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
2m	This is a request for opinion and not information therefore it cannot be answered
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Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to note that you can find the information requested at questions 2f and 2g at the following links:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621570/20170622-Dstl_ARAC_2016-17_FINAL_v1_0-O_WEB-OPTIMISED.pdf (pages 22-25)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621570/20170622-Dstl_ARAC_2016-17_FINAL_v1_0-O_WEB-OPTIMISED.pdf (pages 22-25)

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat