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Dear ,

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 May 2018 requesting the following information:

“In the MoD report “The Defence Equipment Plan 2016” a graph is provided on page 34 entitled “ISS Equipment Plan”. Can I ask for a list of all the Cat A and B projects included in each of the categories shown on the graphs.”

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. We have retrieved all the Cat A and B projects used in the graph listed on page 35 titled ISS Equipment Plan.

The information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information you have requested would be subject to the following exemption: Section 24 (National Security) and is therefore withheld.

Section 24 is a qualified exemption and is 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.

Section 24(1) has been applied because it would not be in the interest of the UK’s national security to provide information on classified project names; providing this information would enable adversaries to deduce the nature and scope of classified projects allowing increased understanding of defence capabilities and reducing the operational benefits of these projects. For these reasons, I have set the level of “would”, rather than “would likely to”.

In favour of release is the presumption towards disclosure under the FOIA as answering this question would increase transparency of Classified projects.

On balance, I consider the public interest favours maintaining the exemptions and withholding the information you have requested.

Please see following list as requested:

**Category A**

Cryptographic Enabling Services  
DFTS  
DII  
Dismounted Situational Awareness  
Emporium  
Falcon  
Falcon 2 Exploit  
Future BLOS  
Global Connectivity  
Integrated User Services  
Legacy Support Programme  
Legacy Support Update  
Morpheus  
NSOIT(Base)  
Picasso  
Skynet 5

**Category B**

ASG Increment 1  
ASG increment 2  
Broadcast  
Cortisone  
End Crypto Units  
Falcon 2 Evolve  
Land Seeker

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Yours sincerely,

ISS Secretariat