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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 03 October 2018 requesting the following information:

1. *How much the UKHO has/will have spent in respect of work carried out by companies in India on behalf of work for the UKHO for every financial year since 1 April 2010 and including the projection for the current financial year up until 30 March 2019.*
2. *Would you also explain what is the nature of such work.*
3. *And was the type of work involved ever carried out by UKHO staff.*

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 UKHO, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below, at annex A.

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). 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,

UKHO Secretariat

Annex A:

1. How much the UKHO has/will have spent in respect of work carried out by companies in India on behalf of work for the UKHO for every financial year since 1 April 2010 and including the projection for the current financial year up until 30 March 2019.

We have used 2 Indian companies (IIC and Ramtech) since 2010. The breakdown of the spend is as follows:

Year	IIC	Ramtech
2010	£263,227	0
2011	£202,813	0
2012	£707,496	£20,885
2013	£1,503,849	£69,111
2014	£605,682	£78,025
2015	£371,023	£55,525
2016	£366,162	£23,965
2017	£311,544	Contract end
2018	Forecast £521,017	

2. Would you also explain what is the nature of such work

The nature of the work that IIC and previously Ramtech have done for us is:

SNC chart compilation

Leisure chart compilation

ENC creation

Photoplot capture from imagery.

All work is verified, and quality checked at UKHO. This year IIC have started to work on Notice to Mariners drafting and subsequent chart base updating.

3. And was the type of work involved ever carried out by UKHO staff.

All types of work outsourced to third party contractors also is or can be undertaken by staff at UKHO. Outsourcing some of our activity serves 2 main purposes - it gives us greater capacity to produce more products with a flexible resource; and it frees staff from some compilation tasks to take on more complex tasks and work that moves us forward, towards our corporate vision.