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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2018 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*"I... would like to make a freedom of information request regarding the Defence Business Location Strategy, we have recently been informed that the project brought in a company CATALYZE to assist with the project, I would like to request how much the company was/is paid and the length of the contract involved"*

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

We wrote to you on 13 November 2018 to inform you that it was necessary for the MOD to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption (Section 43 (Commercial Interests) of the FOIA) outweighs the public interest in disclosure. I can confirm that it has been found that it is in the public interest to disclose the information in scope of your request.

As such, I can confirm that BAE Systems Operation Ltd (trading as CORDA) were paid £24,279 excluding VAT for their work and the contract ran from 21 August 2018 to 27 September 2018 inclusive. Catalyze were BAE Systems Operation Ltd.'s Sub-Contractor for this particular task.

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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made 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,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)