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Dear [Redacted]

I am writing to provide a substantive response to your recent request for information about M134 Miniguns which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

You originally asked:

I would like to find out as much as possible about Contracts issued to Dillion Aero Inc for the purchase and ongoing maintenance of the M134D Miniguns. Also, any reported problems with the Dillion M134D Miniguns.

Thank you for providing clarification on 12 April 2019; your request has been amended to:

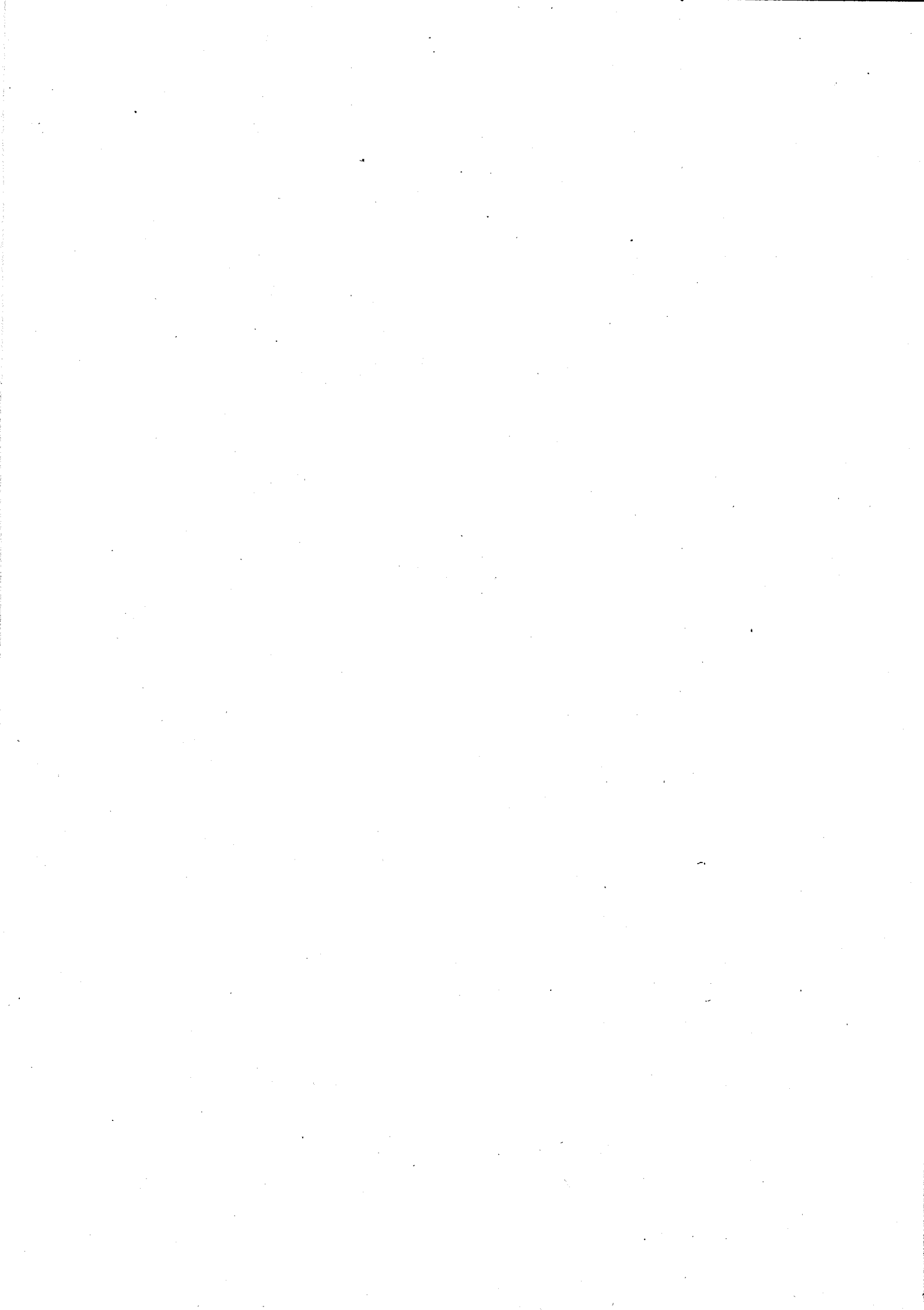
I would like to find out about contracts issued to Dillion Aero Inc for the purchase and ongoing maintenance of the M134D Miniguns, to include overall contract details (value, length, start and end dates) and whether they are for the procurement or in-service support of miniguns. Also, any reported problems with the Dillion M134D Miniguns.

I can confirm that the MOD holds the information you have requested. Details of contracts awarded to Dillon Aero about the M134D Minigun are attached at Annex A.

For the second part of your request, about any reported problems with the Minigun, I wrote to you on 15 May 2019 to explain that it was necessary to consider whether this information should be withheld in accordance with qualified exemption Section 26 (Defence) of the FOI Act.

The Public Interest Test concluded that this information should be withheld. There is a public interest in enhancing the transparency and accountability of government by releasing information that demonstrates the MOD's commitment to openness and that it conducts business in an open and honest way. However, releasing technical reports about the M134D Minigun would provide an analysis of the availability and reliability of this force protection capability. This could allow known and potential adversaries to make considered plans that could prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of the Armed Forces; potentially endangering military personnel.

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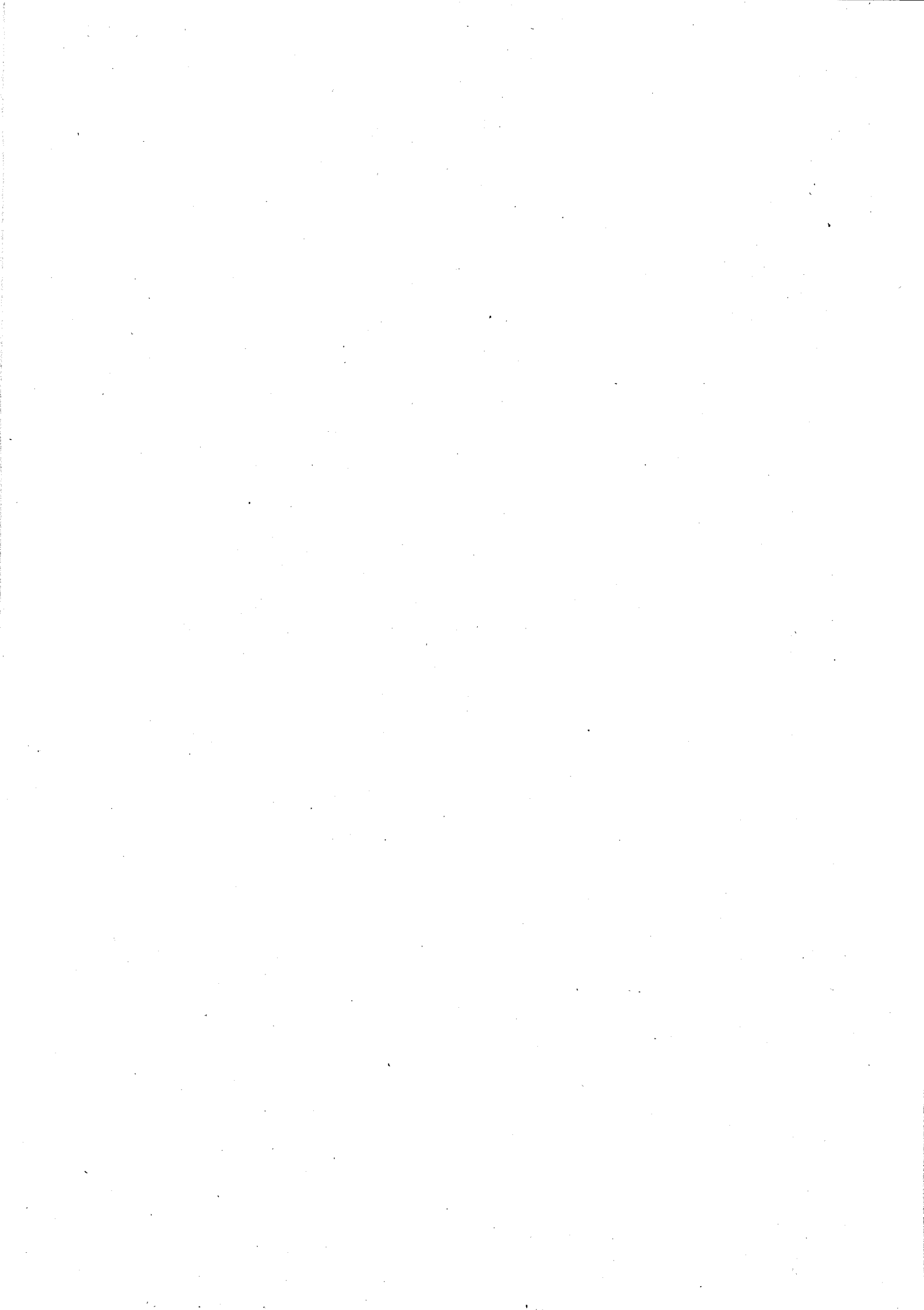


If you are not satisfied or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting 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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint 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. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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CONTRACTS AWARDED TO DILLON AERO INC FOR M134DC MINIGUNS

Contract Number	Contract Title	Description	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Current agreed amount (£)
IGMR/00023	M134DC Minigun Support	M323 Minigun in-service support	18 May 18	17 May 23	8,097,235.89
IGMR/00023-1	M134DC Minigun Supply	Provision of 14 M323 Weapon Systems in accordance with the Statement of Requirement at Annex A of the Contract	18 May 18	17 May 23	564,722.51
IGMR/00023-2	M134DC Minigun Supply	Provision of Capital and Consumable Spares (Line Items 2 and 3 of the Schedule) in accordance with the Statement of Requirement at Annex A and Condition 3.4 of the Contract	18 May 18	17 May 23	6,180,083.13
IGMR/00023-3	M134DC Minigun Support	Provision of Repairs (Line Item 4 of the Schedule of Requirements) in accordance with the Statement of Requirement at Annex A and Condition 3.4 of the Contract	18 May 18	17 May 23	1,352,429.10
IGMR/00023-4	M134DC Minigun Supply	Provision of Capital and Consumable Spares (Line Items 2 and 3 of the Schedule) in accordance with the Statement of Requirement at Annex A and Condition 3.4 of the Contract	18 May 18	17 May 23	6,361,451.98
IGMRGS/0798	M134DC Minigun Supply	M134DC MINIGUN SUPPLY CONTRACT-IGMRGS/0798	18 Sep 13	14 Sep 18	5,867,941.30
IGMRGS/0798-10	M134DC Minigun Supply	IGMRGS/0798 - Royal Navy Order 701077 - Line Item 10 of the Schedule of Requirements.	06 Apr 18	31 Aug 18	802,475.29
IGMRGS/0798-11	M134DC Minigun Supply	Line Item 11 of the Schedule of Requirements - Maritime Order 701076	29 Aug 18	31 Dec 18	260,805.96
IGMRGS/0798-2	M134DC Minigun Supply	Ad Hoc Tasking	01 Aug 17	14 Sep 18	59,770.76
IGMRGS/0798-3	M134DC Minigun Supply	For the purchase of Qty 3 Ammo Cans	07 Sep 17	31 Jul 18	23,187.95
IGMRGS/0798-4	M134DC Minigun Supply	Outstanding 640s for maritime	29 Sep 17	31 Aug 18	1,589,333.88
IGMRGS/0798-6	M134DC Minigun Supply	Child BPA for IGMRGS/0798 Air Spares	21 Nov 17	01 Sep 18	-
IGMRGS/0798-7	M134DC Minigun Supply	Provision of order 701072	21 Nov 17	14 Sep 18	152,884.81
IGMRGS/0798-8	M134DC Minigun Supply	Provision of order 701073	21 Nov 17	31 Aug 18	1,313,454.10
IGMRGS/0798-9	M134DC Minigun Supply	BPA for Air Spares 17/18 and 18/19	29 Nov 17	31 Dec 18	471,674.83

