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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2019 requesting the following information:

- “1. Is grounds maintenance (ie mowing, tree work, weed spraying etc) work undertaken by in-house teams or contracted out?*
- 2. Who is responsible for managing in-house grounds maintenance teams or contractors?*
- 3. What is the contact name, address and email of the person responsible for managing grounds maintenance activities?*
- 4. What is the annual grounds maintenance budget?*
- 5. Do you receive additional Government, non-profit or voluntary donations, specifically for grounds maintenance tasks?”*

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 and can be found below.

1. The MOD does not have any in house ground maintenance teams. Ground maintenance for the MOD is contracted out across a range of Prime Contracts in the UK and overseas, and Private Finance Initiatives (PFI).
2. The MOD does not have any in-house ground maintenance teams. Grounds maintenance is managed by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) and delivered through Hard Facilities Management and PFI contracts.
3. Please see the Supplier Portal under Section 16 (below) for information regarding MOD procurement.
4. Annual spend across all contracts is in excess of £1 Billion. The spend is based on providing the agreed level of service across the Facilities Management contracts. It is not possible to separately identify grounds maintenance activities from other activities.
5. No. Public funding is provided to deliver a range of facilities management activities to the agreed level of service specified in the contract.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the DIO purchases equipment and services through an existing suite of contracts and frameworks which address infrastructure and maintenance needs of the Defence estate. Any requirement which fall outside the scope of these contracts and frameworks are advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Small and medium-sized enterprises are encouraged to participate as contractors of sub-contractors and should contact the Defence Suppliers Service or visit the Supplier Portal on the gov.uk website as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence/about/procurement>

This site includes more detailed information regarding MOD procurement and contains contract details and links to the Defence Contracts Online website where upcoming opportunities and supplier invitation to tender are published. There is also a Contracts Finder where you will find information on all existing contractors. For further information on the provision of goods and services to the MOD, you may wish to obtain a copy of the free guide "Selling to the MOD", this can be obtained using the free phone number 0800 282 324.

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). 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