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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your email dated 14 November 2017 requesting information about Public Relations, Social Media, External Stakeholder Communications and Internal Stakeholder Communications services and contracts.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

In response to your queries, I have completed a search for the information within the Defence Electronics & Components Agency (DECA), and I can confirm that **information in scope of your request is held.**

For ease of reference, I provide our responses against each of your five questions below

**1. Does your department currently use a private company to undertake any of the following services;**

- **Public Relations**
- **Social Media Communications**
- **External Stakeholder Communications**
- **Internal Stakeholder Communications.**

**No**

**2. If yes, can you please confirm;**

- **When the current contract was last let**
- **When the current contract expires**
- **Whether the current contract has options to extend its length**
- **When you expect to retender the contract.**

**N/A**

**3. If no (to question 1 above), are you considering letting such a contract in the future and if so, do you have an approximate timetable for engaging the market?**

**It is Government policy that in all but exceptional circumstances public sector contract opportunities are advertised before and after contract award. Any future public sector contracts for Public Relations and Communications Services would likely be sourced using Crown Commercial Services, an executive agency and trading fund of the Cabinet Office of the UK Government who are responsible for placing all "Common Goods and Services" contracts across Government which includes public relations services.**

**Part 2**

**4. Have you used a private company to help you with any other marketing or public information campaigns in the past 2 years?**

**No**

**5. If so, could you please provide a brief overview of what those campaigns were about and approximately how long your contract with the company was for to support the campaign(s)?**

**N/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](mailto: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 ended.

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 investigate your case until the MOD internal review process is complete. You can find further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner on the Commissioner's website, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Regards

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