

## Appendix 5 – Proposals to remove comment boxes from reporting guidance and DefCARS

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## 1. Introduction

1.1 Table 1 presents the proposals to remove comment data fields from reporting guidance and DefCARS and highlights any changes in guidance which are needed.

Table 1 – Data collection changes on 'comment boxes'

Page	DefCARS field name	Reporting guidance changes
Supplier	Other relevant information – comments box	Deletion  Table 6, page 30, row 8  Data required: Other Relevant Information  Guidance: The contractor may provide any other information which is relevant to the contract and might be useful to the SSRO or the Ministry of Defence.  Addition  To the final row of Table 6 - The contractor may provide any other information relevant to the data on this page using the comments functionality or by attaching supporting files.
Report Submission Admin	Date this report is due – comments box	No change to the guidance required  There is no current guidance reference to this comment box.
Report Submission Admin	Other general comments relevant to the submission of this report	Deletion  Table 7, page 31, row 7  Data required: Other general comments relevant to the submission of this report  Guidance: Please include information which helps the SSRO to understand this contract and when it was entered into.

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Page	DefCARS field name	Reporting guidance changes
		Addition
		In row 8 of Table 7 - The contractor may provide any other information relevant to the data on this page using the comments functionality or by attaching supporting files.
Profit	Additional comment boxes (except those where contractors are asked to explain any deviations from statutory guidance)	The comment boxes relate to Table 11, page 37, all rows but no specific guidance is given about completing comment boxes.  Addition  To the final row of Table 11 - The contractor may provide any other information relevant to the data on this page using the comments functionality or by attaching supporting files.
Pricing Method Breakdown	Comments on Pricing Analysis	Amendment  Para 6.17, page 61 and para 7.17, page 77  If the price associated with each pricing method is unknown, this should be explained in the 'comments'
		on pricing analysis' field using the comments functionality.
DPS Input Values	Commentary on the above section	No change to the guidance required.
		There is no current guidance reference to this comment box.
Summary Analysis of Price	Commentary on the above section	Deletion  Table 14, page 45, row 8  Data required: Commentary on the above section
		Guidance: The contractor is asked to provide any additional comments (using the blue edit icon) relating to the price summary which is relevant and might be useful to the SSRO or the Ministry of Defence.

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Page	DefCARS field name	Reporting guidance changes
		Table 24, page 64, row 8
		Data required: Commentary on the above section
		Guidance: The contractor is asked to provide any additional comments relating to the price summary (using the blue edit icon) which is relevant and might be useful to the SSRO or the Ministry of Defence. This could include explanatory comments relating to changes in the price in comparison to the last report submitted.
		Table 28, page 79, row 7
		Data required: Commentary on the above section
		Guidance: The contractor is asked to provide any additional comments relating to the price summary (using the blue edit icon) which is relevant and might be useful to the SSRO or the Ministry of Defence. This could include explanatory comments relating to changes in the price in comparison to the last report submitted.
		Addition
		To the final rows of Table 14, 24 and 28 - The contractor may provide any other information relevant to the data on this page using the comments functionality or by attaching supporting files.
Cost Breakdown	Additional comments boxes	Amendment
Dicardown		Para 5.52, page 48
		Comments functionality is available to enable contractors to provide information about facts, assumptions and calculations relating to the relevant element of Allowable Costs.
Payments	Comments	Deletion
		Table 21, page 55, row 5

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Page	DefCARS field name	Reporting guidance changes
		Data required: Comments
		Guidance: Any other comments which the contractor considers to be relevant.
		Addition
		To the final row of Table 21 - The contractor may provide any other information relevant to the data on this page using the comments functionality or by attaching supporting files.
Key deliverables	Comments	Deletion
deliverables		Table 22, page 57, row 3
		Data required: Comment
		Guidance: Any other comments which the contractor considers to be relevant.
		Addition
		To the final row of Table 22 - The contractor may provide any other information relevant to the data on this page using the comments functionality or by attaching supporting files.
Milestones	Comments	Deletion
		Table 23, page 58, row 5
		Data required: Comment
		Guidance: Any other comments which the contractor considers to be relevant.
		Addition
		To the final row of Table 23 - The contractor may provide any other information relevant to the data on this page using the comments functionality or by attaching supporting files.

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Actual & Forecast DPS Input Values (ICR)	Comments on the above section	No current guidance reference
Actual & Forecast Price Summary (QCR, ICR & CCR)		Deletion  Table 25, page 67, row 8  Data required: Commentary on the above section  Guidance: If the contractor considers there is information not captured in the DefCARS fields on this page which they wish to provide then they can click on the blue icon and complete the comments box.
		Table 29, page 83, row 8  Data required: Commentary on the above section  Guidance: If the contractor considers there is information not captured in the DefCARS fields on this page which they wish to provide then they can click on the blue icon and complete the comments box.  Addition  To the final row of Table 25 and 29 - The contractor may provide any other information relevant to the data on this page using the comments functionality or by attaching supporting files.
Final payments	Comments	No current guidance reference