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Via:

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2020 requesting the following information:

'Paveway' inertial/laser guided bombs are manufactured as an add-on "kit" for "dumb bombs". I am aware that previously Paveway II ECCGs were joined to the 540lb and 1000lb GP bombs that are no longer in use.

The information I now seek is whether the 'dumb bombs' used in Paveway IV are purchased separately, or are they simply manufactured or provided by the manufacturer (Raytheon UK) and connected to "control group" at the place of manufacture. Does the UK purchase "Mark 82" or similar unguided bombs separately to use for Paveway IVs, or is there a single contract for the acquisition of this product and Raytheon UK takes care of the entire acquisition process such that the RAF does not have any 'unguided bomb' component except as a component in the Paveway IV.

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Paveway IV is a single weapon system that is made up of four main components – warhead, fuse, guidance, & control system. The system is procured in its entirety from Raytheon Systems Ltd (UK) although the components can be stored separately. The Mk82 warhead is an integrated part of Paveway IV.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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