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Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request
Date: 28 May 2020 14:46:13

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 27 May and allocated reference RFI 035.

In response to your request, I can confirm that we hold no information regarding the Defence Budget (Resource Departmental Expenditure Limit). May I suggest you direct your freedom of information request to the Ministry of Defence at email cio-foi@mod.gov.uk.

To provide some explanation of our role, the Single Source Regulations Office or SSRO is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Ministry of Defence (MOD). We play a key role in the regulation of single source, or non-competitive, defence contracts. The Defence Reform Act 2014 ('the Act') created a regulatory framework for single source defence contracts. The framework came fully into force in December 2014, following Parliamentary approval of the Single Source Contract Regulations 2014. The framework places controls on the prices of qualifying contracts and requires greater transparency on the part of defence contractors. The SSRO is at the heart of the regulatory framework, supporting its operation.

We are responsible for:

- Keeping under review the Defence Reform Act and the Regulations and recommending appropriate changes to the Secretary of State.
- Making an annual recommendation to the Secretary of State on the Baseline Profit Rate, Capital Servicing Rates and SSRO funding adjustment to be applied in determining the profit rates of qualifying contracts.
- Giving opinions and making determinations on questions referred by the MOD and defence contractors, clarifying how the regime applies to qualifying contracts and resolving disagreements.
- Keeping under review the extent to which contractors are complying with their reporting obligations.
- Keeping an up-to-date record of qualifying contracts and receiving statutory reports from defence contractors into the SSRO's DefCARS database.
- Fulfilling requests by the Secretary of State for analysis of reported data and providing other services or assistance relating to single source defence procurement.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to: Neil Swift, c/o Enquiries, enquiries@ssro.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane,

Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards,

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CAUTION: External Email

Hello Sir/Madam,

To whoever reading this email I hope you are well! I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to please request the following information from the Single Source Regulations Office:

1. Can you please provide a breakdown of Defence Budget (Resource Departmental Expenditure Limit) by the following areas for FY 2020/2021:
 - o Defence Digital
 - o DE&S
 - o Strategic Command
 - o Army
 - o Navy
 - o Air Force
 - o DIO

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

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