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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails of 22 and 28 January in which you requested the following information:

"Details in respect to the contract below. Provision of SAS Viya Upgrade Licence [...]"

The details we require are:

- *Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages*
- *Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date*
- *Start date & duration of framework*
- *Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?*
- *Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?*
- *Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held and can be found below.

I can confirm that the department only holds information regarding the 'Provision of SAS Viya Upgrade Licence' call-off contract. Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) I can advise that the framework is the 'Technology Products & Associated Services' framework and can be found at the following link: <https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6068>. If you want more information, this will need to be requested from Crown Commercial Services (CCS).

Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages

For the 'Provision of SAS Viya Upgrade Licence' call-off contract, four suppliers submitted an Invitation to Tender (ITT); Software Box Limited (now Boxxe Limited), Akhter Computers Limited, Centerprise International Limited and Storm Technologies, with Akhter Computers Limited being successful. I can confirm that a Pre-qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) was not required.

Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date

As of 28 January 2021, the total spend for the 'Provision of SAS Viya Upgrade Licence' call-off contract was £1,872,130.30 (excluding VAT).

Start date & duration of framework

This information is held by the department however is exempt under Section 21 of the Act as is reasonably accessible to you via other means. The framework duration is published at the link provided above.

Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?

For the 'Provision of SAS Viya Upgrade Licence' call-off contract, no extension clause was included.

Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

No information in scope of this part of your request is held by the department. Under Section 16 I can advise that an extension decision to the 'Provision of SAS Viya Upgrade Licence' call-off contract is not applicable.

Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

This information is held by the department however is being withheld in accordance with Section 40(2) of the Act, in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in deciding to withhold the information.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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 within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,



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