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Subject: RE: Craftsman
Date: 26 January 2021 11:20:12

Dear Mr Carthew

Thank you for your freedom of information request received on 23 January 2021.

In response to your request, I can confirm that we hold no information regarding the review of the term 'Craftsman'. This request does not fall within our remit and we are unaware of any such reviews currently being undertaken.

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.

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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

Dear Sir/Madam

I have recently read that the term Craftsman is under review.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, can you please tell me:

- 1 Why this review is being conducted?
- 2 The costs incurred so far
- 3 The expected cost on completion of this review
- 4 The expected cost to implement this policy

Yours sincerely

Mr D Carthew