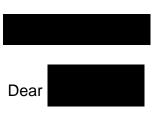


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Thank you for your email of 25 April 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about payments made by the Department to Consultants:

You requested the following information:

"Please provide a response for contractors engaged under the Public Sector Resourcing Agreement."

May 2021

This is a refinement of FOI2021/03477, of which the full request was:

"Please provide the per day payment rates of the twenty highest paid per day paid individual contractors (persons, rather than companies, though this may include single operator owned companies) engaged by the Ministry of Defence as of March 1st, 2021. Please also provide how much these individuals have received in total over the last financial year (2020-21)".

This was also clarified as below:

"My request concerns consultants in the second category you have presented (Contractors employed by business areas as Consultants.)"

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm some information in scope of your request is held.

The table below details the daily pay rates for the highest paid Consultants employed under the Public Sector Resourcing Agreement. Consultants have been numbered 1 - 20 as names have been withheld under S40(2) of the FOIA (Personal data), as to disclose the third party's personal data would contravene data protection principles.

1	£1,600.00
2	£1,470.00
3	£1,268.91
4	£1,200.00
5	£1,004.80

6	£1,000.00
7	£1,000.00
8	£995.00
9	£990.00
10	£963.00
11	£952.70
12	£950.00
13	£950.00
14	£950.00
15	£916.28
16	£907.50
17	£903.85
18	£901.76
19	£900.00
20	£900.00

In regard to the second part of your request, no information is held on the total amount paid to each of these Consultants during the last Financial Year. This is because the MOD is not the consultant's employer, and this would be a matter been the individual and their employer. The MOD's contract is with the supplier AMS; the individual may be directly sourced by AMS, use the services of an umbrella company, an employment agency, or their own limited company.

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

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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk</u>). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely

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