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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 August requesting the following information:

Could you please provide a list of the Cat A and Cat B Projects for 2020 – 2030 for the following areas of the Defence Equipment and Support programme (EPP and ESP):

1. *Air Support.*
2. *Combat Air.*
3. *Helicopters.*
4. *ISTAR.*
5. *Land Equipment.*
6. *Submarines.*
7. *Ships.*
8. *Weapons.*
9. *Other.*
10. *ISS.*

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 Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. We have retrieved the relevant CAT A and B projects as recorded in the data sets held on the department's specific financial system Planning, Budgeting and Forecasting (PB&F) that was used to produce the relevant graphs.

Section 23(1) (Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters) has been applied to some of the information because the information was directly or indirectly supplied by, or relates to bodies dealing with security matters. Section 23 is an absolute exemption and not subject to a public interest test.

Section 24(1) (National Security) and Section 26(1) (Defence) have been applied to some of the information because the information would prejudice or is likely to prejudice the UK's national security strategy and the capability, effectiveness and security of British forces. Sections 24 and 26 are qualified exemptions and are subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Section 24 and 26 have been applied to some of the information because it would not be in the interest of the UK's national security (including defence interests) to release detailed information on specific equipment procurement programmes that could allow enemies to draw conclusions about Armed Forces capabilities which would prejudice the capability, credibility, effectiveness and security of British forces. For these reasons I have set the level of prejudice against release of the exempted information at the higher level of "would prejudice".

In favour of release is the presumption towards disclosure under the FOIA as answering this question would increase transparency of sensitive projects.

On balance, the public interest was found to be in favour of maintaining the exemptions and withholding the information you have requested in a few instances.

Please find at Annex A the information you have requested minus the entries covered by the exemptions listed above.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely, ■


Defence Resources Secretariat

Annex A

Cat A and Cat B programmes for 2020-30

Air Support	
EPP	ESP
Cat A	Cat A
VOYAGER TANKER AND TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT	AIRSEEKER INSERVICE SUPPORT
A400M TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT DEV + PROC PROG	VOYAGER TANKER AND TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT
A400M AIRCRAFT SYNTHETIC TRAINING SERV	SUCCESSOR IDENTIFICATION FRIEND OR FOE
MPA Poseidon	SENTINEL PROJECT TEAM
DCS+S - DOTC-A- Core System + Services	A400M AIRCRAFT SYNTHETIC TRNG SERVICE
E-7 Wedgetail Acquisition	A400M TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT IN-SERVICE SPT
MPA Poseidon Infrastructure P9	Sentry Whole Life Support Programme
E-7 Wedgetail Infra Acquisition	HT PT HERCULES INTEGRATED OP SPT CORE
E-7 Wedgetail ISS	MPA Poseidon
Cat B	E-7 Wedgetail Support
IDENTIFICATION FRIEND OR FOE MODE 5	MPA Poseidon Infrastructure Support
A400M Block Upgrade Programme	MPA Poseidon Training Services
Aircraft Refuelling Capability Project	Cat B
SHADOW DAS UCR	C-17 Interim Solution
A400M - AMSL LDs + CapabilityTrade	C-17 Synthetic training through life
	Defence Core Systems + Services -DCS+S-
	Sentinel In Service Support Solution

Combat Air	
EPP	ESP
Cat A	Cat A
TYPHOON AIRCRAFT TRANCHE1 PRODUCTION	LIGHTNING COMBAT AIRCRAFT SUPPORT
LIGHTNING COMBAT AIRCRAFT	UKMFTS TSP/AJT/RCS1
LIGHTNING COMBAT AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT	HAWK T2 ADVANCED JET TRAINER -IS
Typhoon Future Synthetic Training	TORNADO AVAILABILITY ATTAC CONTRACT B
FCAS-UK/France	HAWK T1 -IS-
Pyramid	ADOUR ENGINES - IS
Typhoon RADAR 2 ECRS Mk2	FAST JET TRAINING -IS-
Typhoon - RADAR 1	FIXED WING TRAINING -NE-
LIGHTNING II C2D2	UKMFTS TRAINING SYSTEM PARTNER - IS
Watchkeeper DMIS	ROTARY WING TRAINING -NE-
PROTECTOR CAPABILITY DELIVERY	REAR CREW STAGE 2
Cat B	Fixed Wing Sector Risk
Typhoon - Meteor Integration	TYPHOON AIRCRAFT SUPPORT
STORMSHADOW	Watchkeeper ISS
TYPHOON BRIMSTONE II INTEGRATION	PROTECTOR CAPABILITY DELIVERY
Typhoon Mandatory Data Link Compliance	Cat B
Typhoon P3Eb	TYPHOON AIRCRAFT CURRENT S SYNTHETICS
Typhoon Future Mission Planning System	REAPER PROGRAMME
REAPER PROGRAMME	

Helicopters	
EPP	ESP
Cat A	Cat A
WILDCAT	Wildcat Support + Training FY12/13-16/17
Merlin Mk3/3A Life Sustainment Programme	MERLIN RTM ENGINES
APACHE CAPABILITY SUSTAINMENT PROGRAMME	Merlin IMOS Future Pricing Periods
AH SPIRAL CAPABILITY SUSTAINMENT PROG	Merlin Engines Future Support
Chinook Capability Sustainment Programme	Merlin and Apache MK1 Engines Extension
Cat B	AH-64E Long Term Trg. and Spt. Solution
MERLIN CROWSNEST AIRBOURNE SURVEILLANCE	AH-64E LTTSS Exclusions
Mk4/4a Low Visibility Landing	Apache CSP Initial Spt. + Conv. Trg
Wildcat Capability Delivery	APACHE IOS CONTRACT EXCLUSIONS TASKS PP3
CHINOOK LOW VISIBILITY LANDING LVL	APACHE INTEGRATED OP SUPPORT PP3
	APACHE TRAINING SERVICE
	CHINOOK THROUGH LIFE CUSTOMER SPT PP3
	Future Through Life Customer Support
	CHINOOK THROUGH LIFE CUSTOMER SPT PP5
	MSHATF PFI
	Medium Support Helicopter Synthetic Trng
	Chinook CSP Support
	Cat B
	Merlin Crowsnest Support and IP Spares
	Wildcat in Service Support 17/18 - 21/22
	Wildcat In Service Support 22/23 - 26/27
	Wildcat in Service Support 27/28 - 31/32
	CHINOOK ENGINE SUPPORT ARRANGEMENT CESA
	SPMAP FALKLAND SEARCH+RESCUE + SUPT HELI
	SPMAP - MATCHA

ISTAR	
EPP	ESP
Cat A	Cat A
MARSHALL	Ground Based Air Def - Falkland Islands
Ground Based Air Def - Falkland Islands	Ballistic Missile Defence -BMD-
Ballistic Missile Defence -BMD-	CRENIC
LAND Ground Based Air Defence	Cat B
CRENIC	GUARDIAN
Cat B	L16 Future Sustainment
GUARDIAN PROJECT	Boats Support - MAB

Land Equipment	
EPP	ESP
Cat A	Cat A
Scout_Specialist_Vehicle	Support Vehicle
Warrior_Capability_Sustainment_Prog	MITER - Support Costs
Challenger_Life_Ext_Proj-CR2_LEP	Mechanised Infantry Vehicle -MIV-
Mult-Role_Protected_Vehicle-MRVP	C_Vehicle_Programme
Mechanised Infantry Vehicle -MIV-	Cat B

Material Distribution Land 2025	Wheeled Tanker Trailers All Variants
Non_Articulated_Vehicle_Prog-NAVP	Future All Terrain Vehicle Support
Cat B	Bridging_Heavy_Forces_Long_Gap-TYRO
Titan_Trojan_Armoured_Engineer_Veh	JOFS 3 - Support Costs
Guided_Multi_Launch_Rocket_System-GMLRS	Manoeuvre_Power_-MAN-P-
Terrier_Armoured_Engineer_Tractor	Manoeuvre_Shelter_-MAN-S-
Bridging_Heavy_Forces_Long_Gap-TYRO	Deployable Technical Infrastructure-ESP-
Integrated_Solider_Sys_Proj_Virtus	Joint Fires Synthetic Trainer
Manoeuvre_Power_-MAN-P-	Project Triton -Support Costs-
Manoeuvre_Shelter_-MAN-S-	
Deployable Technical Infrastructure-EPP-	
Joint Fires Synthetic Trainer	
Project Triton -Procurement Costs-	
Static_and_Infrastructure_Power_-SIP-	

Submarines	
EPP	ESP
Cat A	Cat A
MUFC FUNDING FACING DNO	Successor Platform Support
MARITIME UNDERWATER FUTURE CAPABILITY	NUC PROPULSION SUSTAIN + AVAILABILITY
VULCAN DECOMMISSIONING AND DISPOSAL	Geological Disposal Facility
ASTUTE BOATS 4-7	DNO Infrastructure
CAPABILITY SUSTAINMENT	Vanguard - Flight Systems
INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES	MSDF Fixed Devonport
CORE PRODUCTION CAPABILITY	PLATFORM EQUIPMENT
NEXT GENERATION NUCLEAR PROPULSION PLANT	ASSET MANAGEMENT
SUBMARINE DISMANTLING PROJECT	Cat B
COMMON MISSILE COMPARTMENT	ASTUTE CLASS TRAINING SERVICE
Raynesway Additional Material and Infra	ASTUTE CLASS SUPPORT
Cat B	Disposal + Decommissioning Devonport
MARITIME STRATEGIC CAPABILITY AGREEMENT	Vanguard - Shipboard Systems
DE-FUEL DE-EQUIP AND LAY-UP PREPERATIONS	HMS VIGILANT DMP
GENERIC TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	Submarine Design Services -SDS-
DNO SM Commc Buoy	HMS VICTORIOUS DMP
DNO SM Superiority	WATERFRONT ENGINEERING INSERVICE SUPPORT
	HMS ASTUTE Deep Maintenance Period
	HMS VANGUARD DMP-R-
	MSDF Design Services Project Management
	MSDF Design Implementation
	MSDF Clyde Variable
	MSDF Fixed Clyde
	MSDF Devonport Variable
	NC CSG TL Adj
	HMS AMBUSH Deep Maintenance Period
	HMS ARTFUL Deep Maintenance Period

Ships	
EPP	ESP

Cat A	Cat A
T26 GLOBAL COMBAT SHIP	T26 GLOBAL COMBAT SHIP
QUEEN ELIZABETH CLASS AIRCRAFT CARRIER	QE CLASS FUTURE SUPPORT
MCM and HYDROGRAPHIC CAPABILITY -MHC-	QEC Support Babcock Core MSDF
FLEET SOLID SUPPORT -FSS-	QEC Support BAE Core MSDF
T45 Capability Sustainment Plan	QEC Support Non Core MSDF
T31 Frigate	MSDF FIXED COSTS -8067- - BM
WILTON	LPD FTE and UPKEEP
Maritime Liabilities	AMPH Design - BAE
Cat B	TYPE 45 FUTURE SUPPORT
FRIGATES CAPABILITY SUSTAINMENTPROGRAMME	Landing Craft - FTE. UPKEEP and FTF
MEWP - Countermeasures	T45 CLASS - BM
	T45 CLASS - BAE
	MCM HUNT CLASS - BM
	MCM SANDOWN CLASS - BM
	MCM SANDOWN CLASS - BAE
	TYPE 23 CLASS - BM
	TYPE 23 CLASS - BAE
	SENSORS SUPPORT OPTIMISATION - CAT A
	WILTON
	RIVER CLASS BATCH 2
	ASW Spearhead
	Cat B
	Spey
	RFA THROUGH LIFE SUPPORT -TLS-
	BOATS INTERIM SUPPORT SOLUTION
	Maritime Consumable Spares
	MSSP Power and Propulsion
	MSSP Environmental,Domestic+Habitability
	Fleetwide Comms -CSM-
	Combat Management System and Networks
	NCSISS Phase 2
	Boats Support - Navy

Weapons	
EPP	ESP
Cat A	Cat A
Tactical Guided Munition - Indirect	SEA VIPER WEAPON SYSTEM DELIVERY
CATS -COMBINED AERIAL TARGET SERVICE-	PROJECT WHITEHEAD -TORPEDOES ISS-
ASRAAM	DGM - Army Light
Meteor	Defence Munitions
FC/ASW - SPEAR Cap 5	DGM STOCKPILE WEAPONS - JFC
QINETIQ LONG TERM PARTNERING AGREEMENT	Sea Viper - Aster Surveillance + LE
FUTURE SYSTEMS	ASRAAM - MLR
DFRS	Storm Shadow - MLR
Meteor LII Integration	Sea Viper ASTER MLR
FUTURE ANTI-SURFACE WEAPON -HEAVY-	RADAR REMEDIATION - SEA VIPER
FC/ASW - FOSUW	C2 SUSTAINMENT - SEA VIPER

Brimstone 2	MFR SUSTAINMENT - SEA VIPER
BRIMSTONE 3A	VLS SUSTAINMENT - SEA VIPER
FUTURE ANTI-SURFACE WEAPON -LIGHT-	Future GBAD Contingency - ISS
Battlefield Weapon	Future Anti-Surface Weapon -Heavy- ESP
LPS	Brimstone 3 - MLR
SPEAR Cap 3	FASGW-L - MLR
Land Ceptor - FLAADS -L-	FASGW-H- - MLR
Sea Ceptor - FLAADS -M- T23	Cat B
BRIMSTONE 3B	TORPEDO CAPABILITY CONTRACT CORE ISS
Future GBAD Contingency	NEXT GENERATION LIGHT ANTI-ARMOUR WEAPON
Cat B	JAVELIN WEAPON SYSTEM
MEDIUM RANGE RADAR	SEA VIPER WEAPON SYSTEM SUPPORT
TOMAHAWK LAND ATTACK MISSILE BLOCK 4	SPEAR Cap 3 - ISS
SPEARFISH TORPEDO UPGRADE	SEAWOLF MISSILE
SSGW	SEAWOLF MISSILE SYSTEM
HIGH VELOCITY MISSILE TRANCHE 4	ADAPT - ISS
Sea Ceptor - FLAADS -M- T26 - EPP	

Other	
EPP	ESP
Cat A	Cat A
Novel Weapons	Clothing Commodities Air
Nuclear Weapon Production	General Supplies Commodities-Air
	Clothing Commodities-Army
	Prog Mgt
	DELIVERY PARTNER
	ROLL-ON ROLL-OFF SHIPS PFI
	General Supplies Commodities-Navy
	Teutates Programme
	MENSA PROJECT

ISS	
EPP	ESP
Cat A	Cat A
Morpheus Assessment Phase	P8 Applications Support
Dismounted Situational Awareness	P8 Networks
PICASSO	FALCON
CRYPTO CAPABILITY PROGRAMME	Legacy Support Programme
CRYPTOGRAPHIC ENABLING SERVICES	BCIP 5.6
SKYNET FBLOS 2016	TacCIS Support Project
Cat B	FALCON 2 EXPLOIT
NEST	Dismounted Situational Awareness
D3P	DFTS
TRINITY	SKYNET 5
END CRYPTO UNITS	Base-Continuous Service Support
	Deployed-Continuous Service Support
	Defence as a Platform -AS-
	SKYNET FBLOS 2016

	NT GRAPEVINE 2 IUS
	NT GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY -GC-
	EMPORIUM
	MODNET EVOLVE
	NSoIT(Base)
	NSoIT (D)
	Cat B
	NEST
	BCIP Sustainment EP /Fielding ESP
	BROADCAST
	MedIS
	TRINITY
	DCA ECURP SVCESP
	VLF