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Dear Mr Noakes

## **Request for Information: Regional Prime Contracts delivering routine maintenance services in the South West and South East of England**

I write further to my letter of 19 July in response to your requests dated 25 and 26 June to 'Defence Estates' and the Britannia Royal Naval College for details about the Regional Prime Contracts for the South-East and South-West (RPC SE & RPC SW).

While I provided some of the information within the scope of your enquiry, I advised you that other information held might fall within the scope of a qualified exemption of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. The relevant exemption is Section 43 (Commercial Interests), which provides that information is exempt from disclosure if it would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the authority holding it.

It has now been concluded that this information is not subject to the exemption and I am happy to provide the following answers to your remaining questions:

### **For each of the above contracts, can you provide:**

#### **The renewal dates**

The new Regional Prime Contracts (RPCs) for the South-East (SE) and South-West (SW) are due to be awarded in March 2014, with an In-service date of September 2014.

#### **The bid process start date**

Competitive dialogue and tendering has begun for these contracts, with a shortlist of bidders announced in June 2012. Further information on this can be found on the Ministry of Defence (MOD) website at:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/DefenceNews/EstateAndEnvironment/ModAnnouncesShortlistedFmBiddersForEnglishRegions.htm>

**The term of the contract**

The contracts' terms will be a minimum of 5 years, with a maximum period of 10.

**The contract value**

It is currently anticipated that RPC SE will be worth between £500 million and £1.2 billion over 5 to 10 years and RPC SW between £600 million and £1.35 billion over the same period.

**Who is the current contract holder**

The current RPC SE is being delivered by PriDE, a joint venture between Interserve Defence Ltd and SSE Contracting. The existing RPC SW is being delivered by Debut Services South West Ltd, a joint venture between Lend Lease and Babcock International Ltd.

**Is there a framework in place**

No

**Do you use a procurement consortium**

As previously explained, both PriDE and Debut Services South West Ltd are joint venture companies.

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 me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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