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Dear Ms Evans,

Your correspondence dated 6 April 2010 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

In the Country and Regional Analysis (CRA) published on the HM Treasury website:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/cra_2009_db.csv

There are lines of spending for the Ministry of Defence with the Program Object Group Aliases (POGA) of:

"P20 S010536 Alias to be determined"

"P20 S020523 Peace Keeping Global"

"P20 Mil Ops"

"P20 S010503 Commander -in- Chief Land Command"

"P20 S010507 Adjutant General (Personnel & Training Command)"

"P20 S010532 CHIEF OF DEFENCE LOGISTICS"

"P20 S010539 Air Command TLB"

"P20 S010531 CHIEF OF JOINT OPERATIONS"

Could you please describe in more detail what these items of spending refer to?

The Treasury spreadsheet to which you are referring took information from the MOD financial systems as at December 2008, but it does not totally reflect the current MOD organisation, which has changed over the past few years. MOD is currently made up of seven Top Level Budgets (TLBs) shown in the Defence Framework (see below). The codes relate to expenditure under the changing TLB structure at that time and below is an explanation of the codes along with information on how it relates to the current organisation, as follows.

"P20 S010536 Alias to be determined" relates to the Commander in Chief Fleet TLB, the operational TLB for the Navy, which subsequently joined with Second Sea Lord,

the military support TLB for the Navy, to create the single Navy Command TLB. The expenditure is for grants to Service museums and minor grants to welfare services.

"P20 S020523 Peace Keeping Global" relates to payments to NATO in support of peace keeping activities.

"P20 Mil Ops" relates to payments to NATO in relation to operations.

"P20 S010503 Commander-in-Chief Land Command" was the operational TLB for the Army, which subsequently joined with Adjutant General, the military support TLB for the Army, to create the single Land Forces TLB. The expenditure is for grants to Service museums and minor grants to welfare services.

"P20 S010507 Adjutant General (Personnel & Training Command)" (as explained above) was the military support TLB for the Army, which joined Commander-in-Chief Land Command to create the single Land Forces TLB. The expenditure is for grants to Service museums and minor grants to welfare services.

"P20 S010532 CHIEF OF DEFENCE LOGISTICS" also known as Defence Logistics Organisation TLB was the TLB responsible for logistical support to the Armed Forces and the Centre staff. It subsequently joined with the Defence Procurement Agency TLB, which was responsible for procurement of equipment, to become the Defence Equipment & Support TLB. The expenditure is minor grants to welfare services, etc.

"P20 S010539 Air Command TLB" is the current TLB that comprises the former Strike Command TLB, the RAF's operational TLB, and Personnel & Training Command, the RAF's military support TLB. The expenditure is for grants to Service museums and minor grants to welfare services.

"P20 S010531 CHIEF OF JOINT OPERATIONS" is the TLB responsible for Joint Service operations. The expenditure is the payment of pensions to locally employed civilians overseas.

It should be noted that MOD is exempt from completing the Treasury's Country and Regional Analysis since its expenditure is regarded as a benefit to the UK as a whole. The Treasury spreadsheet only includes costs such as the Armed Forces Pension Scheme, the old War Pension Compensation Scheme and minor costs relating to support of the main Service museums and welfare organisations, but it does not include other major costs such as pay. It is not therefore representative of expenditure for MOD as a whole.

If you want to know more about the current organisation of MOD it is explained from page 33 onwards of the Defence Framework, which is available online at the following address:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/CorporatePublications/PolicyStrategyandPlanning/DefenceFramework.htm>

Please note that from 1 April 2010 the Science Innovation and Technology TLB became part of the Central TLB.

Yours sincerely,

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