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Dear Alex Beard

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

Thank you for your email of 18 November 2019, in which you clarified your request for documents relating to the following information:

In publicly available records the MOD is recorded as acquiring 'single use military equipment asset under construction - capital in year addition,' for £27,488,888.83. This was from BAE SYSTEMS SURFACE SHIPS LIMITED, with a payment date of 23/08/2019 and a transaction number of 424563.

I would like to request copies of briefing documents, agendas and any other material that was prepared ahead of the most recent meeting between MOD representatives and the company.

Following receipt of your clarification letter of 18 November 2019:

Request is for Information relating to the above payment of the contract to BAE Systems.

Your request has been passed to Defence Equipment and Support as the area of the Ministry of Defence responsible for this contract. We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I will therefore aim to write to you again by 17 December to update you on the progress of the case or provide you with a substantive response to your request.

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Yours sincerely,

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