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Dear Manfred Stobartson ,

## **REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)**

Thank you for your request dated 16 September 2020 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

### Your request

You asked for "What contribution in percent and £ value to Scottish GDP is attributed from Defence expenditure / purchases by UK Government and sales by suppliers with a presence in Scotland?"

### Response to your request

The Scottish Government does not have the information you have asked for because expenditure and supply chains for the defence sector operating onshore in Scotland is not identified separately in our National Accounts. Defence is combined with Public Administration in our Supply-Use tables and in our National Accounts estimates. While we have trade and supply chain estimates for these combined sectors we are unable to disaggregate this to the defence sector alone. Similarly, purchases from the UK defence industries are not identified separately in the UK Supply-Use tables, nor are the supply side purchases broken down by UK's countries and regions. I'm sorry I can't give you a more helpful response.

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This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to :

Gary Gillespie  
Chief Economist  
St Andrew's House  
Regent Road  
Edinburgh  
EH1 3DG  
[gary.gillespie@gov.scot](mailto:gary.gillespie@gov.scot) .

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

Yours sincerely



Sandy Stewart  
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