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Date: 13 September 2022

Dear Dr Briant,

Thank you for your two emails of 19 August 2022 requesting the following information:

**“Please could I see the contract and any correspondence related to Project DUCO:**

**<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2F389795%2Fresponse%2F975478%2Fattach%2F3%2FFOI%25202017%252003434%252020170508%2520Rpt.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Ccio-foi%40mod.gov.uk%7C8267b7ed766740c45e5908da8233f732%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C1%7C637965456942988251%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=l0ajfBuDyu9Ohw1tMaqtJRiY9ufoDqXP8i9RxD0m%2ByM%3D&reserved=0> - I would also like to know how much was paid for this Target Audience Analysis”.**

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Ministry  
of Defence

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have made the decision to amalgamate your two requests due to some repetition. Accordingly the request is regarded as follows:

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**I would also like to know how much was paid for this Target Audience Analysis and when it was paid**

**Was the contract with DSTL or the MOD”?**

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information, in scope of your request is held.

Project DUCO was a tasking on Dstl by the MOD and dated back to 2014.

It may assist you to know that, in line with Dstl’s retention schedule, contracts are retained for the length of the contract plus seven years and are then destroyed. This contract ended on 31 March 2014 and accordingly the contract documents and related correspondence have been destroyed.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

Dstl Secretariat