

Ref: FOI2023-021

17th July 2023

Dear

Further to our previous correspondence regarding your request for the following information:

Please can you provide me with information concerning the maintenance of your corporate estate i.e. operational buildings, land and any other property (e.g. investment) and schools, if they are within your jurisdiction. Not any social housing/dwellings.

- Q1. What type of maintenance management model does your organisation use? E.g. Managed supply-chain, single hard-fm & soft-fm contractor, internal workforce, principal contractor etc.
- Q2. Can you provide a list of the approved contractors used?
- Q3. What are the total values of contracts granted?
- Q4. When do these contracts expire?
- Q5. What services are provided in each contract?
- Q6. What procurement method was used? E.g. Open ITT, Framework if so, which one?

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search for the requested information within the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) has now been completed, and we can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

We will now answer your questions in turn:

Q1. What type of maintenance management model does your organisation use? E.g. Managed supply-chain, single hard-fm & soft-fm contractor, internal workforce, principal contractor etc.

AWE uses a managed supply chain and internal workforce.

Q2. Can you provide a list of the approved contractors used?

Under Section 21, AWE publishes details of contracts let, which can be found here: https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search





Q3. What are the total values of contracts granted?

As above

Q4. When do these contracts expire?

As per Q3

Q5. What services are provided in each contract?

Facility management services are provided in each contract.

Q6. What procurement method was used? E.g. Open ITT, Framework if so, which one?

AWE complies with the following regulations for the procurement of goods, works and services:

Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations (DSPCR)

These procurement procedures are the processes that AWE must follow when seeking offers in relation to a proposed contract for goods, services, work or works in the defence and security sector. The DSPCR sets out four main procurement procedures. These are:

- a. the restricted procedure;
- b. the negotiated procedure with prior publication of a contract notice (the "competitive negotiated procedure");
- c. the competitive dialogue procedure; and
- d. the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice (the "non-competitive negotiated procedure").

The restricted procedure and the competitive negotiated procedure are the default procedures in the DSPCR.

Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) have an over-riding procurement policy requirement is that all public procurement must be based on value for money, defined as "the best mix of quality and effectiveness for the least outlay over the period of use of the goods or services bought". This should be achieved through competition, unless there are compelling reasons to the contrary such as a need to restrict on the grounds of national security or there is a justification to single source goods, works or services.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled you have a right to request an internal review within 40 days of receiving this letter, by writing to information.requests@awe.co.uk or our postal address: Information Requests Team, AWE Aldermaston, Reading, RG7 4PR. If you are still unhappy after an







internal review has been completed, under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have the right to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please note the Commissioner will generally not consider a complaint until you have exhausted AWE's internal complaints process.

Yours sincerely,

**AWE Information Requests Team**