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EQUIPMENT PLAN 2022 TO 2032

Thank you for your request of 5 December 2022 in relation to the Defence Equipment plan 2022 to 2032 published on 29 November 2022. With regards to the plan, you have asked whether there is a Project Performance Summary Table available with the actual numbers.

Your request was considered in accordance with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have searched our records and we can confirm that we do not hold any information in scope of your request.

In considering your request we have assumed that your enquiry relates to the Project Performance Summary Table and Project Overviews that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) has included in some previous equipment plan reports.

Bearing this in mind, I should emphasise that the MOD are responsible for deciding what to include in these reports, and the level of detail has varied in recent years:

- MOD included the Project Performance Summary Table (Part 5) and Project Overviews (Part 6) in <u>The</u>
 <u>Defence Equipment Plan 2019</u> (February 2020).
- MOD still provided a summary table and project overviews (Annex A and Annex B) in <u>The Defence</u> <u>Equipment Plan 2021 – 2031</u> (February 2022), but cut back on the detail.
- <u>The defence equipment plan 2022 to 2032</u> (November 2022) includes the Project Performance Summary Table (Annex A), but not project overviews.

We are not aware that the MOD produced an additional table with the actual numbers for this year's report, however you may wish to contact the MOD to enquire if a table is available at (cio.foi@mod.gov.uk).

The MOD's 52 largest programmes are included in the Infrastructure and Projects Authority's <u>Annual Report on Major Projects 2021-22</u> (July 2022), 43 of which are in the Equipment Plan, and various details about these projects is available at <u>MOD's Government Major Projects Portfolio data</u>. If you have further queries in respect on this information, you may wish to contact the MOD accordingly.

Annex A sets out the steps you can take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request under the FOIA.



I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

NAO FOI Team

Annex A

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI.requests@nao.org.uk or by post to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

https://ico.org.uk/ or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF