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Dear Mr Burt,

Further to my email of 5 May 2011, on review of your questions I am now in a position to provide you with a substantive response to your Freedom of Information request, in which you ask the following about payments made to the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) under the Management and Operation (M&O) contract:

- *If this information has been included in the spreadsheets (from the web page <http://data.gov.uk/dataset/financial-transactions-data-mod>), please advise me where it can be located;*
- *If the information has been excluded from the spreadsheets please advise me of the reasons for this, and the exemption under which exclusion of this data has been justified; and*
- *If no payments have been made to AWE over the period covered by spreadsheets on your web page (April 2010 - February 2011) please explain why not, and please also explain the scheduling arrangements for making payments to AWE under the terms of the Management and Operation contract.*

I can confirm we do hold information that addresses the questions you raised in your request. Financial information relating to the AWE M&O contract has not been included in the spreadsheets found at <http://data.gov.uk/dataset/financial-transactions-data-mod> because details pertaining to the M&O contract, including the release of specific financial information, are exempt from all publication under the Governments transparency agenda as its purpose is for the procurement of "Warlike Stores". Further information on this can be found through the following link:

[Ministry of Defence | About Defence | Corporate Publications | Financial Reports | Ministry of Defence and MOD Family spend over 25K.](#)

This exemption covers the publication for all tendering, contract and financial information covering all equipment (including associated service or works) under Council Decision

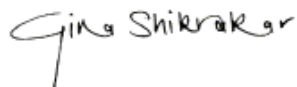
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255/58 - EC Council List of Items Defining the Scope of Article 346 of the Treaty for the functioning of the European Union (formally Article 223 of the Treaty of Rome). Further details can be found here [Council Decision 255/58](#)

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gina Shikrakar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Gina Shikrakar