

INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO FOI2016/12483 – DECEMBER 2016

Q1) “How much, in capital costs, has been spent by the MOD on rebuilding and upgrading facilities at AWE Aldermaston and Burghfield from 2005/6 – 2015/16?”

Financial Year	Capital costs (CDEL) at outturn prices (£ million)
2005/06	172
2006/07	312
2007/08	409
2008/09	395
2009/10	420
2010/11	409
2011/12	349
2012/13	406
2013/14	416
2014/15	381
2015/16	307

Figure 1: Atomic Weapons Establishment Capital Costs 2005/06 – 2015/16

Q2) “How much more, in capital costs, is estimated to be spent by the MOD on rebuilding and upgrading facilities at AWE Aldermaston and Burghfield from 2016/17 until completion?”

Forecasted capital costs for the financial years 2016/17 onwards have been withheld under Section 43 (Commercial Interests) of the FOI Act. It is recognised that there is a public interest in releasing information about future forecasted capital costs at the Atomic Weapons Establishment, however it is assessed that the greater public interest lies in withholding the information. This is because releasing forecast costs for future financial years of the AWE contract would compromise the MOD’s negotiating position and prejudice the MOD’s commercial interests thus impacting the MOD’s ability to obtain value for money for the taxpayer in the future.

Q3) “When are the most major rebuilding projects at AWE Aldermaston and Burghfield now estimated to be completed by?”

Project	Current approved ¹ In-Service date ²	Date completed/operational
Gemini	-	2010
Orion	-	2012
HEFF	-	2015
Pegasus	2016-2020	-
Mensa	2016-2020	-

Figure 2: In-service dates of the five most major projects at the Atomic Weapons Establishment

¹ Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) it is the duty of the public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so. You may find it helpful to note that consistent with industry best practice, major projects are regularly reviewed and may seek revised approved estimated completion dates when an evidence base is established.

² In-service dates are routinely shown in bandings to avoid prejudice to National Security and Defence