

Statements on cost in White Paper

"procurement costs will be in the range of £15-20 billion (at 2006/07 prices) for a four-boat solution; some £11-14 billion for the submarines; £2-3 billion for the possible future refurbishment or replacement of the warhead; and £2-3 billion for infrastructure over the life of the submarines. .. These costs will principally fall in the period 2012 to 2027." (para 5-11)

"there could also be the cost of starting to replace the D5 missile from the 2030s. .. the equivalent cost for the Trident D5 missile was some £1.5 billion at today's prices." (para 5-11)

"procurement costs are likely to be the equivalent of around 3% of the current defence budget over the main period of expenditure". (para 5-12)

AWE – "Additional investment averaging £350 million per annum over the years 2005/06 to 2006/07 was announced last year. Further investment will be needed and early in the next decade the costs of AWE are likely – at their peak – to be the equivalent to about 3% of the current defence budget (compared to about 2.5 % today)" (para 5-12)

"Once the new fleet of SSBNs come into service we expect that the in-service costs of the UK's nuclear deterrent, which will include AWE's costs, will be similar to today (around 5-6 % of the defence budget)" (para 5-14)

Other figures

Contract to AWE Management Ltd issued in 2000 - £2.2 billion for 10 year management contract (£220 million / year) extended in 2003 to £5.3 billion for 25 year term (£212 million / year)

The cost of renewing Trident

Capital	£ million	Timescale
Procuring 4 submarines	11,000 – 12,000	2012-2027
Warhead replacement/ Refurbishment	2,000 – 3,000	2015-2030
Infrastructure over life	2,000 – 3,000	2015-2055
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>15,000 – 20,000</i>	
AWE redevelopment	12,000	2007 - 2025
Replacement missile System	1,500	2030 – 2040
Total capital costs	28,500 – 32,500	
Annual running costs		
AWE	700	
Other operating costs	700	
Subtotal over 30 years	42,00	2025 - 2055
Total cost of new system	70,500 – 75,500	
Trident running costs 2007-2024	23,800	2007 - 2024
Total Trident and new system	94,300 – 99,300	