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Nick Harvey: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what the *(a)* name, *(b)* function, *(c)* estimated cost and *(d)* projected in-service date is of each of the 23 new build projects in the **Atomic Weapons Establishment Site Development Context Plan 2005-15**. [170844]

Des Browne: The 23 projects included in each of the functions in the **Atomic Weapons Establishment Site Development Context Plan 2005-15** are listed in the following table. Where applicable, the names of projects are indicated where they have been finalised. The function of each project correlates with the headings in the plan. Costs not shown are being withheld as their disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice commercial interests. Projected in-service dates are shown in five-year bandings in order to avoid prejudice to national security and/or defence interests.

These facilities are required to support the UK's current warhead in-service. Decisions on whether and how we may need to refurbish or replace this warhead are likely to be necessary in the next Parliament.

<i>Name of project</i>	<i>Cost (£m)⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>Function</i>
<i>Projected in-service period 2007-10</i>		
Orion Laser	183	Testing/research
IT server buildings (two projects)	30	Computer/communications
New office accommodation Phase 1	71	Office and business support accommodation
New office accommodation Phase 2	—	Office and business support accommodation
New office accommodation Phase 3	—	Office and business support accommodation
Modular accommodation five buildings	25	Office and business support accommodation
Car park	0.1	Office and business support
Car park	—	Office and business support
Landscaping	—	Environmental
<i>Projected in-service period 2011-15</i>		
Small components interim	—	Manufacturing/production
High explosives climatic trials	—	Manufacturing/production
Warhead assembly/disassembly	—	Manufacturing/production
Systems engineering	—	Manufacturing/production
Hydrodynamics	—	Testing/research
High performance computer	—	Computing/communications
High explosives fabrication	—	Manufacturing/production
Chemical processing	—	Manufacturing/production
Landscaping	—	Environmental
<i>Projected in-service period 2016-20</i>		
Uranium components	—	Manufacturing/production
High explosives assembly for trials	—	Testing/research
Small components	—	Testing/research
Laboratory	—	Testing/research
⁽¹⁾ 2007-08 prices.		

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