

**JAMES CARTLIDGE MP**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PROCUREMENT

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Dear Maria,

Further to the four Questions you asked on November 30, 2023, please find below the follow up responses to the Parliamentary Questions.

**Q1.** Maria Eagle to ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many consultancy contracts his Department renewed for more than six months in each year since 2019. 4065

**A1.** The information is not held centrally and could be provided only at disproportionate cost.

**Q2.** Maria Eagle to ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many consultancy contracts were renewed for 12 months or longer in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 28 November. 4066

**A2.** The information is not held centrally and could be provided only at disproportionate cost.

**Q3.** Maria Eagle To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average length of each consultancy contract awarded by his Department was in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 28 November. 4067

**A3.** The following provides the average length of each consultancy contract awarded by Ministry of Defence in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 28 November.

Average Length of Contract	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Weeks	51	36	42	39	45

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**Q4.** Maria Eagle To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many consultancy contracts were awarded by his Department in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 28 November. 4068

**A4.** Consultancy is a common service for which Crown Commercial Services provides frameworks for use by all government departments. The following provides the number of consultancy contracts that were awarded in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 28 November based on the Ministry of Defence usage of Crown Commercial Service Frameworks.

Calendar year of start date of contract	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Contracts	88	41	36	41	61

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,



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