

UIN No: 20117

27 March 2025

Dear Helen,

I recently undertook to write to you with an answer to the following Parliamentary Question 20117.

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on (a) weapons, (b) ammunition and (c) armoured fighting vehicles in (i) 2022-23 and (ii) 2023-24; and what estimate he has made of such spending in 2024-25.

I have set out the Departmental spend against weapons, ammunition and armoured fighting vehicles in financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

The Ministry of Defence does not routinely release forecast or in-year costs as they are subject to revision throughout the financial year. The figures for FY2024/25 will be available once the accounts have been closed and audited.

The MOD's expenditure is set out in the table below. In some cases, it has not been possible to fully split out weapons and ammunition costs, therefore they have been aggregated.

Category	FY2022-23 (£million)	FY2023-24 (£million)
Ammunition and Weapons costs	2,113.6	1,878.8
Armoured Fighting Vehicles	546.7	553.3

You may wish to be aware that the MOD's weapon programmes cover a broad spectrum, and these figures do not necessarily reflect the overlap in capabilities and enablers. This data reflects the core programme only and excludes any spend under the

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HMT Special Reserve for Operations. A significant portion of our £3 billion support to Ukraine relates to the rapid procurement of equipment and this would not be captured in these figures, though it is detailed in the recent NAO report published on 11 September 2024 'Value for Money - Investigation into military support for Ukraine'. It also does not include enabling services; radar costs associated with munitions; testing and disposal; or elements of platform integration for complex weapons.

Furthermore, while complex weapons, ordnance, munitions and explosives are included, these costs do not include any firearms or capabilities that carry a payload, for example a General-Purpose Machine Gun or Typhoon Aircraft.

I hope this information is helpful.

I will place a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Eagle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

RT HON MARIA EAGLE MP