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Dear Grace Tenison,

Thank you for your email of 7 July 2026 requesting the following information:

I'm writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In oral evidence to the Public Accounts Committee on 5 March 2026 (HC 1733 - Response to Question 6), the Director General of Commercial and Industry stated that the Procurement Act 2023 gave the Ministry of Defence powers to debar suppliers found to have committed fraud.

I request the following information:

- 1. The total number of suppliers debarred by the Ministry of Defence under the exclusion and debarment provisions of the Procurement Act 2023, from the date of the Act's commencement to the date of this request, broken down by financial year.***
- 2. For each debarment, the ground on which debarment was applied (e.g. fraud, corruption, other economic crime), without necessarily identifying the supplier by name if that information is exempt.***
- 3. Whether the Ministry of Defence maintains a debarment register, and if so, whether it is published and where it can be accessed.***

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that [all the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below.

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The Ministry of Defence (MOD) does not debar suppliers itself but can notify a supplier to the Government Commercial Function Debarment Review Service (DRS) for potential debarment as part of the [Debarment Protocol](#). At the moment, no suppliers have been added to the debarment list.

- 2. For each debarment, the ground on which debarment was applied (e.g. fraud, corruption, other economic crime), without necessarily identifying the supplier by name if that information is exempt.***

Not Applicable as there are no suppliers on the debarment list.

3. Whether the Ministry of Defence maintains a debarment register, and if so, whether it is published and where it can be accessed.

The debarment list is not managed by the Ministry of Defence (MOD.) It is managed by DRS and can be accessed from their [GOV.UK page](#).

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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