

In a recent Parliamentary Question, the Top 10 are listed as below

The 10 companies that received the highest total direct payments(1) from the Ministry of Defence during financial year 2007-08 in respect of equipment procurement, along with the approximate number of UK-based employees (2) of each company, are:

BAE Systems plc	34,000
Thales	9,000
EDS Defence Limited	16,500
The Boeing Company	600
Westland Helicopters Limited(3)	3,500
Devonport Royal Dockyard Limited(4)	7,200
MBDA UK Limited	2,600
Europaams SAS	Nil
General Dynamics UK Limited	1,700
Raytheon Systems Limited	1,300

NOTES

(1) Expenditure excludes payments made through other nations or international procurement agencies on behalf of the Ministry of Defence.

(2) Employee numbers are based on information provided by the companies and BERR.

(3) Westland Helicopters Ltd: Employee numbers refer to the UK based employees of parent company Agusta Westland.

(4) Devonport Royal Dockyard Ltd: Employee numbers refer to the UK based employees of Babcock Marine which includes Devonport Royal Dockyard Ltd.