FOI Request – FOI2223/03/22
I refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 27 March 2023

Your Request
In the below request, the phrase ‘arms trade companies’ relates to, but not limited to:

1.BAE systems
2. Babcock
3. QinetiQ
4. Rolls-Royce
5. Serco
6. Cobham
7. Raytheon
8. Airbus
9. General Dynamics
10. Leonardo MW
11. Lockheed Martin
12. Thales
13. MBDA
14. Elbit Systems
15. Caterpillar
16. MOD
17. DSTL
18. Atomic Weapons establishment
19. GKN
20. Mitsubishi heavy industries

In the below request, the phrase ‘research project' related to, but not limited to:

Any academic research collaborations that involve any staff members or any member of the active student body with companies or institutions who have stakes in the defence industry and arms trade companies.

Could you please provide me with all research projects with any connection to arms trade companies in the last five years. Connections can include sources of funding and/or collaborative research partnership on the research project. Please can these be broken down by financial year, and categorise them accordingly:

- Title and aim of research project
- Players (list of companies involved in the research project)
- Name of university department(s) involved (if applicable)
- Source of funding for the research project (to be included the source of funding does not have to be an arms trade company)
- The total amount, in pounds sterling, that the university has received in research funding for this project in the last five financial years. Details should be broken down for this project year-by-year.
- Timescale of research project - start and end (exact day/month if applicable/available, otherwise by financial years)

University's Response

Further to Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") we confirm that the information requested is held by the University of Sunderland (the "University").

The University's response is N/A – nil return.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing sunfoi@sunderland.ac.uk.

Kind regards,
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