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Dear Mr Hamilton

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)**

Thank you for your request dated 28 September 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked the following:

1.    Please detail all contacts with persons, organisations or companies involved in the design, promotion, distribution and sale of armaments in each of the last five years.

2.    Please detail all monies or in kind assistance provided to persons, organisations or companies involved in the design, promotion, distribution and sale of armaments in each of the last five years

Response to your request

The response to your request is as follows:

1. Details of all contacts with persons, organisations or companies involved in the design, promotion, distribution and sale of armaments in each of the last five years are set out in Annex A.

2. No monies or in kind assistance has been provided by Scottish Government to persons, organisations or companies involved in the design, promotion, distribution and sale of armaments in each of the last five years

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Gillian Russell, Director of Safer Communities, Room 1R, St. Andrew’s House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 1DG; email Gillian.russell@gov.scot. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner’s website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

I hope this is helpful.

Your sincerely

**CATHERINE MORGAN**

 ANNEX A

**List of relevant meetings/engagements within the last 5 years.**

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| **Minister**  | **Company name**  | **Date**  |
| Mr Ewing  | Babcock  | 22-Feb-12 |
| Mr Ewing  | Raytheon  | 07-Mar-12 |
| Mr Swinney  | BAE  | 10-Jan-13 |
| Mr Swinney  | BAE  | 13-Feb-13 |
| Mr Swinney  | BAE  | 28-Feb-13 |
| Mr Brown  | BAE  | 31-May-13 |
| Ms Constance  | Selex  | 14-Aug-13 |
| Mr Swinney  | BAE  | 10-Oct-13 |
| Mr Swinney  | BAE  | 08-Nov-13 |
| Mr Swinney  | BAE  | 12-Nov-13 |
| Mr Ewing  | Babcock  | 31-Mar-14 |
| Mr Swinney  | BAE  | 11-Feb-15 |
| Mr Ewing  | ADS (business organisation)  | 02-Sep-15 |
| First Minister  | Selex  | 24-Sep-15 |
| Mr Ewing  | Raytheon  | 29-Sep-15 |
| Mr Swinney  | Selex  | 03-Mar-16 |
| Mr Ewing  | Babcock  | 23-Aug-16 |
| Mr Brown  | ADS (business organisation) | 14-Sept-16 |
| First Minister  | Babcock  | 08-Sept-17 |
| Mr Wheelhouse  | ADS (business organisation) | 14-Sept-17 |

Twice a year, the Scottish Government hosts the National Economic Forum (NEF) to bring together Business, Trade Unions, the wider Public Sector and Third Sector to focus on opportunities and challenges faced with developing Scotland’s economy. Within the timeframe requested, eight NEF events were held. Links to further information on each event, including lists of attendees, are provided below.

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| **Date** | **Details** |
| 12 May 2017 | [Further information](https://beta.gov.scot/publications/national-economic-fourm-may-2017/) |
| 26 October 2016 | [Further information](https://beta.gov.scot/publications/national-economic-forum-october-2016/) |
| 18 November 2015 | [Further information](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Economy/national-economic-forum/Meeting6February2008/November2015) |
| 18 March 2015 | [Further information](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Economy/national-economic-forum/Meeting6February2008/march182015) |
| 10 December 2014 | [Further information](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Economy/national-economic-forum/Meeting6February2008/December102014) |
| 18 June 2014 | [Further information](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Economy/national-economic-forum/Meeting6February2008/june2014) |
| 18 December 2013 | [Further information](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Economy/national-economic-forum/Meeting6February2008/dec182013) |
| 19 June 2013 | [Further information](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Economy/national-economic-forum/Meeting6February2008/NEFJun2013) |

**Raytheon**

* On 29 September 2015, the Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism, Fergus Ewing MSP, visited Raytheon Systems Ltd in Fife to meet with Stephen Doran, the company’s Managing Director, Power and Control.  The purpose of the visit was to encourage the company’s further diversification activities into non-military markets and Raytheon Systems Ltd’s position as a major employer in the Fife area.
* On 2 November 2015, the Private Secretary to the Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism, Fergus Ewing MSP, replied to Richard Daniel, Chief Executive Officer of Raytheon UK, advising that Mr Ewing was unable to accept his invitation to their annual Burns Supper event due to prior diary commitments.
* On 8 March 2017, the Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, Keith Brown MSP, replied to Weber Shandwick who wrote on behalf of Stephen Doran, Head of the Power and Control Business, Raytheon Systems Ltd, advising that the Cabinet Secretary was unable to meet with Stephen Doran due to considerable diary pressures.
* On 1 June 2017, the Private Secretary to the Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy, Paul Wheelhouse MSP, replied to Weber Shandwick who wrote on behalf of Stephen Doran, Head of the Power and Control Business, Raytheon Systems Ltd, advising that the Minister would be happy to visit Raytheon in Fife to hear about the company’s diversification projects and plans for the future of their Scottish operations.  There were further email exchanges between the Private Secretary and Weber Shandwick in June and July 2017 to arrange a date for a visit.

**Babcock International**

* On 18 January 2013, the Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism, Fergus Ewing MSP, wrote to Mike Pettigrew, Managing Director Future Business, Babcock International Group, to congratulate the company on winning a contract from BP for their Quad 204 offshore redevelopment project.
* On 26 February 2013, the First Minister, Alex Salmond MSP, met with Babcock International representatives: John Howie, Managing Director of Babcock Marine and Mike Pettigrew, Managing Director of Future Business, Babcock Marine in the Scottish Parliament.  The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the development of the Babcock business based at Rosyth, its plans for diversification.
* On 10 February 2014, the Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism, Fergus Ewing MSP, wrote to Mike Pettigrew, Managing Director Future Business, Babcock International Group, to arrange a meeting to discuss how the Scottish Government and Scottish Enterprise could continue to support the company’s growth ambitions.
* On 31 March 2104, the Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism, Fergus Ewing MSP, visited the Rosyth Business Park to meet with Mike Pettigrew, Managing Director of Future Business, Babcock Marine and Ian Donnelly, Managing Director, Energy and Marine Services, Babcock International Group, and tour Babcock International’s Rosyth facilities.  The purpose of the visit was to learn more about the company’s diversification activities with support from Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Development, and highlight support for the company as an important employer in Scotland.

**Rolls-Royce**

* On 17 January 2014, the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth, John Swinney MSP, spoke with George Adam, Managing Director, Rolls-Royce Inchinnan, following the company’s proposals to reduce the Inchinnan workforce in light of challenging market conditions.  Mr Swinney reinforced support for the site and its workers, and tasked Scottish Enterprise officials with providing the company with a comprehensive picture of available support and for PACE to engage with the company to offer its support to any potentially affected staff.

**Spirit Aerosystems**

* On 10 October 2016, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, Keith Brown MSP, visited Spirit Aerosystems’ base in Prestwick to officially open its new paint and finishing centre.  Mr Brown met with Scott McLarty, Vice President UK and Malaysia, Spirit Aerosystems, and welcomed Spirit’s investment into the site, Scottish Enterprise’s support for the centre and the company’s commitment to developing its workforce and operations in Scotland.
* On 24 February 2017, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, Keith Brown MSP, visited Spirit Aerosystems’ base in Prestwick to officially open its new A350 Despatch Centre alongside the company’s senior management.  Mr Brown met with: Tom Gentile, President & CEO, Spirit Aerosystems Inc (USA); Michelle Lohmeier, Vice President Airbus Programmes, Spirit Aerosystems; Scott McLarty, Vice President, UK & Malaysia (Scotland); and Gareth Davies, Head of A350 Wing Programme (England).  Mr Brown welcomed the company’s investment in its new A350 Despatch Centre, and the company’s ongoing commitment to its Scottish operations.

**Leonardo (formerly Selex)**

* On 24 September 2015, the First Minister met with Norman Bone, MD Airborne & Space Systems Division; John Innes, Head of Business Innovation and Stewart Miller, Senior Vice President for S3 (UK) of Selex in Parliament to hear about the medical laser work being undertaken by the company in Scotland.
* On 13 November 2015, the Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister wrote to Alastair Morrison at Selex accepting the company’s invitation to visit its Crewe Toll facility.  A visit was arranged for 3 March 2016 but was later postponed due to diary pressures and was not rescheduled.

**Thales**

* On 16 February 2016, Victor Chavez, Chief Executive, Thales UK wrote to FM inviting her to visit Thales’ Glasgow site The FM’s private secretary responded on 19 May 2016 declining the invitation.