



UNIVERSITY  
of HULL

**Request Reference: 3479**

FOI Request dated 18/09/2025 –

*This request relates to 16 defence companies:*

- Lockheed Martin
- BAE Systems
- RTX (formerly known as "Raytheon")
- General Dynamics
- Northrop Grumman
- Rolls-Royce
- Leonardo
- Thales
- QinetiQ
- Elbit Systems
- Boeing
- Rafael Advanced Defense Systems (sometimes known simply as "Rafael")
- Pearson Engineering (sometimes known simply as "Pearson")
- RUK Advanced Systems
- Collins Aerospace
- Instro Precision

*Please provide the following information:*

1. *How much money did the university receive in donations, grants and sponsorships from each of these companies, between October 2023 and July 2025? Please state the amount that has been received from each company and also provide a brief description of the funding.*
2. *Did any representatives of these companies sit on any advisory boards within the university (EG advisory boards for specific academic programmes) during the 2024/25 academic year? If so, please state which companies had representatives on which advisory boards - and whether they are still on the board.*

**Response**

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

We would need to manually review two years' worth of invoices to ensure we have provided all the relevant data held for this request, which would exceed the 18 hour limit. Therefore, s12 of the Act applies.

Section 12 – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

Under section 12(1), a public authority is not compelled to fulfill a request for information if it anticipates that the cost associated with compliance would surpass the defined 'appropriate limit' (set at 18 hours).

The time estimations for our calculations include:

- Determining if the information is held;
- Locating the information or a document containing it;
- Retrieving the information or a document containing it; and
- Extracting the information from a document containing it.

However, the following activities are not factored into our calculations:

- The time spent identifying information subject to exemption.
- The time devoted to the redaction process.

This communication serves as a refusal notice in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act, which stipulates that a public authority, relying on the applicability of section 12, must notify the applicant of this fact within the stipulated timeframe for complying with section 1(1).

While the excess cost relieves the University of its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have, as a goodwill gesture, provided information relevant to your request. This information was retrieved or available before it was determined that the cost limit would be exceeded. I hope this is beneficial, but it does not alter our legal right to rely on the fee regulations for the remainder of your request.

1.

- [iCASE PhD Studentship with QinetiQ](#)
- [iCASE PhD studentship with QinetiQ \(via Newcastle University\)](#)
- [Office for Students PG Conversion Course Funding](#)

Donations = zero

2. The School of Engineering and Technology – BAE Systems sit on their Industry Advisory Board