



## **Supplementary Document Reference Information - Defence Agencies**

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**Staff numbers**, which refer to staff strengths as at 1 April 2006, are taken from UK Defence Statistics 2006.

**Net Operating Costs** are taken from the Agencies Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06.

**Report and Accounts.** Individual Agency Annual Report and Accounts can be found on the MOD website at:  
<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/CorporatePublications/AnnualReports/AnnualReportsAgenciesNDPBs/>

### ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION AGENCY (AFPAA)

Launch date: 1st April 1997

History:

- Apr 97 Vested as new tri-Service Agency.
- Jun 01 Amended agreement signed with EDS redefining partnering relationship.
- Oct 01 Army's Personnel, Pay and Pensions organisation transferred to AFPAA.
- Sep 02 Formal adoption of Joint Personnel Administration Strategy.
- Jun 04 Creation of tri-Service pensions delivery in Glasgow
- Apr 05 MOD Medal Office fully operational
- Apr 05 Joint Casualty & Compassionate Centre fully operational
- Dec 05 Joint Pay & Allowances Casework Cell launched.
- Mar 06 First phase rollout of Armed Forces Compensation and Pensions Systems.
- Mar 06 Delivery of Joint Personnel Administration to RAF

The role of the agency is to support UK Defence capability through the accurate payment of military personnel and provision of quality personnel administration and information services on a harmonised basis.

Web: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/Personnel/AFPAA/>

Chief Executive  
 Rear Admiral T A Spires  
 Armed Forces Personnel Administration  
 Agency (AFPAA)  
 Room 116a  
 Centurion Building  
 Gosport,  
 Hampshire PO 13 9XA.

**Staff Numbers**

Civilian	200
Service	210
<b>Total</b>	<b>410</b>

**Net Operating Costs** £138,247,000

### BRITISH FORCES POST OFFICE (BFPO)

Launched in July 1992 as the Defence Postal and Courier Service Agency, the agency was renamed as the British Forces Post Office in July 1999. The agency provides a global secure mail service to MOD, Service personnel and their dependants, authorised civilians and some other Government Departments.

Web: <a href="http://www.bfpo.mod.uk/">http://www.bfpo.mod.uk/</a>	
Chief Executive Brigadier M Hickson OBE British Forces Post Office Inglis Barracks Mill Hill London NW7 1PX Email bfpoce@dlo.gsi.gov.uk	<b>Staff Numbers</b> Civilian 320 Service 170 Total 490 <b>Net Operating Costs</b> £30,235,000
<b>DEFENCE ANALYTICAL SERVICES AGENCY (DASA)</b>	
The Defence Analytical Services Agency was launched as a Defence agency on 1 July 1992. The agency provides economic and statistical information, analysis and advice to MOD, and defence-related statistics and analytical information to provide Parliament, other Government Departments and the Public.	
Web: <a href="http://www.dasa.mod.uk/">http://www.dasa.mod.uk/</a>	
Chief Executive Mr Mike McDowall BSc, PhD Defence Analytical Services Agency Level 3, Zone K Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB	<b>Staff Numbers</b> Civilian 200 Service 0 Total 200 <b>Net Operating Costs</b> £9,001,000
<b>DEFENCE BILLS AGENCY (DBA)</b>	
The Defence Bills Agency was launched on 1 January 1996. The organisation provides a corporate bill payment and invoicing service to the MOD, together with associated accounting and management information.	
Web: <a href="http://www.defencebills.mod.uk/">http://www.defencebills.mod.uk/</a>	
Chief Executive Mr Norman Swanney Defence Bills Agency Mersey House Drury Lane Liverpool L2 7PX	<b>Staff Numbers</b> Civilian 540 Service 0 Total 540 <b>Net Operating Costs</b> £19,167,000
<b>DEFENCE COMMUNICATION SERVICES AGENCY</b>	
The DCSA was established 1 April 1998. The Agency's mission is to maximise Defence operational effectiveness and business efficiency by providing a coherent information infrastructure and assuring the delivery of integrated information solutions within the deployed and fixed environments.	
Web: <a href="http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DCSA/">http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DCSA/</a>	
Chief Executive Rear Admiral R G J Ward CB Building 111 Basil Hill Site Park Lane Corsham Wiltshire SN13 9NR	<b>Staff Numbers</b> Civilian 3,610 Service 1,180 Total 4,790 <b>Net Operating Costs</b> £1,341,000,000
<b>DEFENCE ESTATES (DE)</b>	

Originally launched as the Defence Estates Organisation on 17 March 1997, the Agency became Defence Estates, acting in a primarily advisory capacity from March 1999. DE was re-launched on 1 April 2003, with a new mandate to deliver estate solutions to meet the Armed forces requirements for an estate of the right size and quality. Following the merger with the Defence Housing Executive on 1 April 2004 and the increased responsibilities of the enlarged organisation, Defence Estates was re-launched again on 1 April 2005 as a Top Level Budget, the highest tier within the MOD budgetary structure. The Agency supports Defence capability by providing and maintaining the supporting infrastructure, including families and service personnel's accommodation, across the defence estate, and specialist support to central MOD on estate policy and environmental sustainability matters.

Web: <http://www.defence-estates.mod.uk>

Chief Executive  
Vice Admiral PA Dunt  
Defence Estates  
Kingston Road  
Sutton Coldfield  
West Midlands  
B75 7RL

**Staff Numbers**  
Civilian 2,900  
Service 130  
Total 3,030  
**Net Operating Costs** £965,181,000

#### DEFENCE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AGENCY (DMETA)

DMETA was launched as a Defence Agency on 1 April 2003. It is part of Defence Medical Services (DMS) and is owned by Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Health). DMETA's key outputs are the provision of Secondary Care personnel for operational deployments and exercises and the provision of medical education and training to DMS personnel.

Web: <http://www.dmsd.mod.uk/dmeta.htm>

Chief Executive  
Surgeon Rear Admiral PI Raffaelli BSc MSc  
MBChB MRCP FFOM  
Headquarters  
DMETA  
Mackenzie Block  
FortBlockhouse  
Gosport Hants PO12 2AB

**Staff Numbers**  
Civilian 600  
Service 1,680  
Total 2,280  
**Net Operating Costs** £192,300,000

#### DEFENCE PROCUREMENT AGENCY (DPA)

The Defence Procurement Agency procures new equipment for the Armed Forces in response to approved requirements, and provides a range of other procurement related services. The DPA was launched on 1 April 1999, has some sixty integrated project teams and twenty support groups and at any one time is working on several hundred projects.

Web: <http://www.dpa.mod.uk/>

Chief of Defence Procurement and Chief Executive  
Sir Peter Spencer KCB  
Defence Procurement Agency  
Abbey Wood, Stoke Gifford, Bristol  
Avon  
BS34 8JH

**Staff Numbers**  
Civilian 4,460  
Service 1,040  
Total 5,500  
**Net Operating Costs** £ £2,901,999,000

#### DEFENCE STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION AGENCY (DSDA)

The new DSDA was formed in April 2006 following the Future Defence Supply Chain Initiative, effectively becoming an Enhanced Executive Agency. The Agency sits within the Top Level Budget area of the Chief of Defence Logistics (CDL). The role of the Agency is to store, maintain, issue, process and distribute materiel for the MOD and other designated users.

Web: <http://www.dsda.org.uk>

Chief Executive Mr Neil Firth  
Defence Storage and Distribution Agency  
(DSDA) HO  
Ploughley Road  
Lower Arnclott  
Bicester  
Oxon  
OX25 2LD

**Staff Numbers**

Civilian 4,370  
Service 200  
Total 4,730

**Net Operating Costs** £314,780,000

**DEFENCE TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENTS AGENCY (DTMA)**

The DTMA was launched on 1 April 1999 and brought together existing single service Transport and Movements organisations. The Agency was enhanced in Oct 2005 to incorporate Joint Supply Chain Performance Management and the FDSCi Client Organisation, which provides the strategic and tactical oversight of the Joint Supply Chain performance, particularly the arrangements for monitoring the Future Defence Supply Chain Initiative (FDSCi) solution. In 2005 the Agency transferred the responsibility for providing its own fleet of road freight vehicles to DSDA. Its primary role is to provide the MOD and the Armed Forces with agreed Transport and Movements services world-wide in peace, crisis and war in order to support current and future UK military capability.

Chief Executive  
Brigadier J Mason MBE  
DTMA  
Building 400  
DLO Andover  
Monxton Road  
Andover  
Hampshire SP11 8HJ

**Staff Numbers**

Civilian 150  
Service 110  
Total 260

**Net Operating Costs** £16,669,000

**DEFENCE VETTING AGENCY (DVA)**

**History:** The DVA was formed in 1997 to modernise and collocate the work of the four former single Service and MOD civilian security vetting units. Collocation of the organisation was achieved during the summer of 2001 in York. An ongoing programme of modernisation work is underway to restructure the Agency to provide a single vetting process, and act as government lead on the development and introduction of e-vetting. The DVA is the largest UK government organisation undertaking national security vetting.

**Mission:** To deliver a quality, customer focussed, and efficient vetting service.

**Role:** To undertake national security and other employment checks, and provide a risk based assessment of suitability for people to hold clearances for access to sensitive information or valuable assets.

**Vision:** To be the lead organisation across government on vetting process and risk based assessment in the quickest time and with the best value for money.

Web: <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/SecurityandIntelligence/DVA/>

Chief Executive  
Mrs Jacky Ridley  
Defence Vetting Agency  
Building 107  
Imphal Barracks  
Fulford Road

**Staff Numbers**

Civilian 320  
Service 0  
Total 320

**Net Operating Costs** £11,413,000

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<b>DISPOSAL SERVICES AGENCY (DSA)</b>							
<p><b>History:</b> The Disposal Services Agency was established on 1 October 1994. The agency is responsible for the sale of surplus MOD equipment and stores. Formerly known as the Disposal Sales Agency, the agency was re-launched as the Disposal Services Agency in November 2000 as part of the Defence Exports Services Organisation, and again in April 2005 still as the Disposal Services Agency but as part of Defence Logistics Organisation (DLO) and incorporating the DLO's Head of Specialisation (Disposal and Sales) organisation.</p> <p><b>Mission:</b> To provide Defence and other users with an agreed, effective and efficient disposals and sales service in order to support UK Defence capability.</p> <p><b>Vision:</b> To be the best government Disposals organisation in the world</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.edisposals.com">http://www.edisposals.com</a></p>							
<p>Chief Executive Mr John Simkins Disposal Services Agency 2nd Floor, St Georges Court 2-12 Bloomsbury Way London WC1A 2SH</p>	<p><b>Staff Numbers</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Civilian</td> <td>110</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>120</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Net Operating Costs</b> £6,800,000</p>	Civilian	110	Service	10	Total	120
Civilian	110						
Service	10						
Total	120						
<b>DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL</b>							
<p>The Duke of York's Royal Military School became a Defence agency on 1 April 1992. The school provides a boarding school education (11-18) for the dependants of Service personnel.</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.doyrms.com/">http://www.doyrms.com/</a></p>							
<p>Chief Executive Mr J A Cummings, Headmaster The Duke of York's Royal Military School Dover Kent CT15 5EQ</p>	<p><b>Staff Numbers</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Civilian</td> <td>110</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>110</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Net Operating Costs</b> £6,921,409</p>	Civilian	110	Service	0	Total	110
Civilian	110						
Service	0						
Total	110						
<b>MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE AND GUARDING AGENCY (MDPGA)</b>							
<p>Formed as an Agency in 1992 called Ministry of Defence Police (MDP). In 2004 the Ministry of Defence Guard Service (MGS) was amalgamated into Agency to form the Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency (MDPGA).</p> <p>Agency Vision: To be recognised as the leading Policing and Guarding organisation for the Ministry of Defence.</p> <p>Agency Role: Delivering effective Policing and Guarding as a part of the UK's Defence capability.</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/SecurityandIntelligence/MDPGA/">http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/SecurityandIntelligence/MDPGA/</a></p>							
<p>Chief Executive and Chief Constable Mr S Love MDGPA Wethersfield, Braintree Essex CM7 4AZ</p>	<p><b>Staff Numbers</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Civilian</td> <td>7,470</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>7,470</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Net Operating Costs</b> £312.638,000</p>	Civilian	7,470	Service	0	Total	7,470
Civilian	7,470						
Service	0						
Total	7,470						
<b>PEOPLE, PAY AND PENSIONS AGENCY (PPPA)</b>							
<p>The agency provides a pay, pensions administration and personnel information service to the MOD and other customers in the public sector; the organisation was formed in February 1996.</p>							

Web: <http://www.mod.uk/defenceinternet/microsite/pppa>

Chief Executive  
David Ball  
PPPA  
J Block, Foxhill,  
Combe Down  
Bath  
Avon BA1 5AB

**Staff Numbers**

Civilian 930  
Service 0  
Total 930

**Net Operating Costs** £36,600,000

**SERVICE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION**

Originally launched as the Service Children's Schools (North West Europe) on 24 April 1991, the agency was re-launched on 1 April 1996 in an expanded form covering Service schools world-wide. The agency provides schooling for dependant children residing with MOD personnel serving outside the UK.

Web: <http://www.sceschools.com/>

Chief Executive  
Mr D G Wadsworth M.A., M.Phil, Hon D.Ed  
Building 5 Wegberg Military Complex  
BFPO 40

**Staff Numbers**

Civilian 1,040  
Service 0  
Total 1,040

**Net Operating Costs** £83,307,000

**VETERANS AGENCY**

The Veterans Agency moved from the Department for Work and Pensions in June 2001. Known as the War Pensions Agency until April 2002, the Agency is responsible for providing financial and welfare support to war disabled pensioners and war widow(er)s. From April 2005 the VA is also responsible for administering the new Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

Web: <http://www.veteransagency.mod.uk/>

Chief Executive  
Mr Alan Burnham  
R6406, Tomlinson House  
Norcross  
Blackpool  
Lancashire FY5 3WP

**Staff Numbers**

Civilian 800  
Service 0  
Total 800

**Net Operating Costs** £37,839,000