

## **Explanatory Note - Revisions to Table 1.18 and 1.18a, UK Defence Statistics 2008**

1. Tables 1.18 and 1.18a of *UK Defence Statistics 2008* have been subject to a number of revisions following the recovery of additional data relating to miscellaneous contract transactions. This has resulted from a data system change during the second half of 2007-08. The background to these revisions is briefly outlined below.
2. The recovery of a subset of payments data which had been previously migrated to a new MOD data system from the 1 October 2007 had resulted in a shortfall in 'in year payments' relating to a number of miscellaneous transactions for the latter part of 2007-08. The majority of these additional payments will not impact on table 1.18, where the threshold for inclusion of organisation is set at £5M or over. Most payments relate to low value payments either to named individuals (excluded from the table to conform with data protection legislation), or service related payments and transfers to public sector bodies such as MOD Trading Funds, UK and foreign Government Departments, agencies, local and county councils.
3. A full data quality review has now been conducted and has resulted in the addition of new organisations to the current table listing as well the movement of others between the individual payment bandings. The single largest additional payments (accounting for nearly 50% of the shortfall) relate to NETMA, OCCAR and Barclays Bank PLC - the latter relating to Government Procurement Card payments.
4. A revised Table **1.18** is presented below. 30 organisations (shown in green font) are new to the table and 22 organisations which appeared on the original table listing have moved payment bandings (shown in red font). The addition of one new organisation (Le Grand Annington PLC) to Table **1.18a** has been necessary as a result of these changes.
5. DASA are working closely with its data suppliers to identify and action the system changes required to ensure that future data extracts conform to our robust quality standards.