

STATISTICAL SERIES 1 FINANCE BULLETIN 1.02 **INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE**

CURRENT SITUATION

This Bulletin will contain four tables and a number of charts.

1.02.01 – Shows NATO countries' defence expenditure for each of the last five calendar years converted into US\$.

1.02.02 – Shows NATO countries' defence expenditure as a % of GDP for each of the last five calendar years.

1.02.03 – Shows the top 15 worldwide military spenders in the latest available year.

1.02.04 – Shows four charts which compare the situation in the UK, US, Germany and France in relation to a) defence spending as a % of GDP, b) defence spending per capita, c) defence spending per serviceman and d) number of military personnel per thousand population.

In addition there are two charts that visually display the data shown in the first three tables.

The original plan was for this Bulletin to be published on 1 August 2013 at the same time as Bulletin 1.01. However, this was deferred until 26 September 2013 following the initial identification of the issues that are explained further in this note.

Data for tables 1.02.01, 1.02.02 and 1.02.04 originates from various documents published by NATO. These are normally available between April and June following the end of the previous calendar year.

Data for table 1.02.03 comes from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and data for 2012 was published externally in their annual yearbook on 3 June 2013.

ISSUE

NATO has informed Defence Economics that they will not release externally NATO countries' defence expenditure for 2012. Data for 2013, together with 2012, data is not likely to be published until sometime during the first half of 2014. NATO data forms the basis of all bar one of the proposed tables for this Bulletin.

DECISION

Based on the above information, and because of the non-availability of any new data, it has been decided not to produce the first Bulletin 1.02 until July 2014. We hope to be able to include in the publication for 2014 the missing data for 2012 and new data for 2013.

A link to the latest available Defence Economics published information on International Defence can be found in UKDS 2012, pages 52 to 64, [here](#). Users should carefully read the notes section of this link to understand the issues that can be encountered when making international comparisons.

The latest SIPRI data can be found [here](#).