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Thank you for your email of 27th February 2015 requesting the following information:

“Could you please confirm UK MOD ‘s use of the following products, and if possible indications of annual volume usage and advice on how we would go about offering an equivalent product, i.e. providing dual source supply. Do we need to register interest to a certain department, etc, if so please provide contact details .

The products in question are as follows:

- Rechargeable BB2590 lithium Ion battery used on various items of military equipment .i.e. radios , dragon runner, etc.*
- The range of Re-chargeable Batteries known as LIPS 10 11, 12 etc (Li-Ion Power Source)-used to power CIED products.*

Denchi Power is already a supplier of similar type products to UK MOD and has an Enabling Contract (LSBU10/1168), which was awarded by DSG in November 2014”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held.

I can confirm that the MOD uses BB2590 and Lithium Ion Power Source (LIPS) batteries. To offer an equivalent product I suggest you monitor the MOD’s contract opportunities advertising portal called ‘Defence Contracts Online’ (DCO); this can be found at www.contracts.mod.uk. DCO provides free online access to MOD tender and contract opportunities valued at over £10,000 and is updated on a daily basis. A hard copy version, known as the MOD Defence Contracts Bulletin (DCB), is published fortnightly and can be subscribed to through the website above.

Regarding annual volume usage, information is not held as the batteries are rechargeable and therefore their usage is not monitored.

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Yours sincerely,

