

REFERENCE INFORMATION – DEFENCE AGENCIES

Staff numbers, which refer to staff strengths as at 1 April 2003, are taken from UK Defence Statistics 2003.

Net operating costs are taken from the Agency's Annual Report and Accounts 2002-2003, not all of which were available at the time of going to press. Outstanding figures will be added as they become available.

Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency (AFPAA)

The Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency was launched on 1 April 1997. Re-launched on 1 October 2001, the agency provides pay, pension, administration, and management services to the Armed Forces.

Acting Commodore T Spires
Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency
Building 182,
RAF Innsworth,
Gloucestershire,
GL3 1HW

Staff Numbers

Civilian	170
Service	200
Total	370

Net Operating Costs £'000

97,253

Army Personnel Centre (APC)

The Army Personnel Centre was launched on 2 December 1996. The role of the agency is to provide an effective and integrated personnel management and administration to maximise the operational capability of the Army.

Major General A P Grant Peterkin OBE,
Headquarters Army Personnel Centre
Kentigern House,
65 Brown Street,
Glasgow,
G2 8EX

Staff Numbers

Civilian	810
Service	170

Total 980

Net Operating Costs £'000

33,736

Army Training and Recruiting Agency (ATRA)

Launched on 1 July 1997, the Army Training and Recruiting Agency's aim is to provide the required number of appropriately trained and motivated soldiers to meet the operational requirements of the Field Army.

Major General A D Leakey CBE,
Army Training and Recruiting Agency,
Building 370,
Trenchard Lines,
Upavon,
Pewsey,
Wiltshire,
SN9 6BE

Staff Numbers

Civilian	4,240
Service	6,630

Total	10,880
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Net Operating Costs £'000

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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.

Brigadier P J T Maggs CBE,
British Forces Post Office,
Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill,
London,
NW7 1PX

Staff Numbers

Civilian	380
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Service	160
Total	540

Net Operating Costs £'000

31,683

Defence Analytical Services Agency (DASA)

The Defence Analytical Services Agency was launched as a Defence agency on 1 July 1999. The agency provides a range of analytical and statistical services within the manpower, budgetary and equipment areas of the MOD's activities.

Mr Colin Youngson,
Defence Analytical Services Agency
Zone 1B,
St George's Court,
2-12 Bloomsbury Way,
London,
WC1A 2SH

Staff Numbers

Civilian	140
Service	0
Total	140

Net Operating Costs £'000

7,701

Defence Bills Agency (DBA)

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.

Mr Norman Swanney,
Defence Bills Agency,
Mersey House,
Drury Lane,
Liverpool,
L2 7PX

Staff Numbers

Civilian	590
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Service	0
Total	590

Net Operating Costs £'000

17,123

Defence Communication Services Agency (DCSA)

Launched on 1 April 1998, the Defence Communication Services Agency provides the MOD, the Armed Forces and authorised Government Departments with effective integrated information solutions to maximise Defence operational effectiveness and business efficiency.

Rear Admiral R G J Ward CB,
Building 111,
Basil Hill Site,
Park Lane,
Corsham,
Wiltshire,
SN13 9NR

Staff Numbers

Civilian	3,180
Service	1,500
Total	4,690

Net Operating Costs £'000

996,144

Defence Dental Agency (DDA)

The Defence Dental Agency was launched on 1 March 1996 to provide dental treatment for Service personnel and overseas dependants.

Major General J A Gamon CBE QHDS L/RADC,
Headquarters Defence Dental Agency,
RAF Halton,
Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire,
HP22 5PG

Staff Numbers

Civilian	160
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Service	730
Total	890

Net Operating Costs £'000

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Defence Estates (DE)

Originally launched as the Defence Estates Organisation on 17 March 1997, the agency was re-launched as Defence Estates on 29 March 1999. The organisation provides estate management services to support the delivery of Defence capability.

Vice Admiral Peter A Dunt CB,
Defence Estates,
St Georges House,
Blakemore Drive,
Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands,
B75 7RL

Staff Numbers

Civilian	1,500
Service	20
Total	1,520

Net Operating Costs £'000

215,540

Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence Agency (DGIA)

The Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence Agency was formed on 1 April 2000. The agency provides imagery intelligence and geographic support to Defence policy, planning, operations and training.

Brigadier A P Walker OBE,
Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence Agency,
Elmwood Avenue,
Feltham,
Middlesex,
TW13 7AH

Staff Numbers

Civilian	760
Service	660

Total 1420

Net Operating Costs £'000

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Defence Housing Executive (DHE)

The Defence Housing Executive was launched on 1 April 1999. Its role is to provide suitable housing for entitled and eligible personnel and to manage the future provision of housing to meet continuing strategic requirements.

Mr John Wilson,
Defence Housing Executive,
6th Floor,
Ibex House,
42-47 Minories,
EC3N 1DY

Staff Numbers

Civilian	880
Service	0
Total	880

Net Operating Costs £'000

308,626

Defence Intelligence & Security Centre (DISC)

The Defence Intelligence and Security Centre trains the Armed Forces and other intelligence agencies in intelligence and security disciplines, and conduct after capture. It also contributes advice on appropriate intelligence and security policy matters, and maintains an operational capability. The centre was launched as a Defence agency on 1 October 1996.

Brigadier P F Everson OBE,
Defence Intelligence & Security Centre,
Chicksands,
Shefford,
Bedfordshire
SG17 5PR

Staff Numbers

Civilian	140
Service	310

Total 440

Net Operating Costs £'000

26,937

Defence Medical Training Organisation (DMTO)

The Defence Medical Training Organisation ceased to be a Defence agency on 31 March 2003, its functions; to train specialist Defence medical personnel and to provide medical services training for other Service personnel, were assumed by the Defence Medical Education and Training Agency.

Staff Numbers*

Civilian 164

Service 159

Total 323

*taken from the agency's Annual Report and Accounts 2002-03

Net Operating Costs £'000

45,185

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. Since it was launched on 1 April 1999, some seventy integrated project teams and twenty support groups have been established.

Sir Peter Spencer KCB,
Chief of Defence Procurement,
Abbey Wood,
Bristol ,
BS34 8JH

Staff Numbers

Civilian 3,730

Service 670

Total 4,400

Net Operating Costs £'000

5,137,000

Defence Secondary Care Agency (DSCA)

Until 31 March 03, the Defence Secondary Care Agency was responsible for ensuring that appropriately trained Service medical staff were available to deploy to provide medical care and support to the Armed Forces. The agency was merged with the Defence Medical Training Organisation to form the Defence Medical Education and Training Agency on 1 April 2003.

Net Operating Costs £'000

159,076

Defence Storage and Distribution Agency (DSDA)

The Defence Storage and Distribution Agency was launched on 1 April 1999. Its role is to receive, store, maintain, issue, distribute and dispose of a vast range of materiel for the MOD and other designated users.

Mr P D Foxtton CBE,
Defence Storage and Distribution Agency,
Ploughley Rd,
Lower Arncott,
Bicester,
Oxfordshire,
OX25 2LD

Staff Numbers

Civilian 4,460
Service 180

Total 4,640

Net Operating Costs £'000

145,468

Defence Transport and Movements Agency (DTMA)

The Defence Transport and Movements Agency was launched on 1 April 1999. Its primary role is to provide operational transport and movements support to the MOD and the Armed Forces.

Brigadier C M Steirn CBE,
Defence Transport and Movements Agency,
Building 400,
Monxton Rd,

Andover,
Hampshire,
SP11 8HJ

Staff Numbers

Civilian	290
Service	100
Total	390

Net Operating Costs £'000

21,377

Defence Vetting Agency (DVA)

The Defence Vetting Agency was launched on 1 April 1997. The agency's aim is to provide an acceptable level of assurance as to the integrity of Defence employees and Defence industry staff who are given authorised access to sensitive Government information or valuable assets.

Mr M P B G Wilson,
Building 107
Imphal Barracks,
Fulford Rd,
York,
YO10 4AS

Staff Numbers

Civilian	290
Service	0
Total	290

Net Operating Costs £'000

9,643

Disposal Services Agency (DSA)

The Disposal Services Agency was established on the 3 October 1993. The agency is responsible for the sale of surplus MOD equipment and stores. Formally known as the Disposal Sales Agency, the agency was re-launched as the Disposal Services agency in November 2000

Mr S Taylor CBE,
2nd Floor,

St George's Court,
2-12 Bloomsbury Way,
London,
WC1A 2SH

Staff Numbers

Civilian	70
Service	10
Total	80

Net Operating Costs £'000

4,918

Duke of York's Royal Military School (DYRMS)

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.

Mr J A Cummings,
Headmaster,
Duke of York's Royal Military School,
Dover,
Kent,
CT15 5EQ

Staff Numbers

Civilian	100
Service	0
Total	100

Net Operating Costs £'000

13,220

Medical Supplies Agency (MSA)

The Medical Supplies Agency was formed on 29 February 1996. Its role is to provide medical, dental and veterinary materiel, blood products, trained personnel and technical and medical logistic support to the Armed Forces world-wide.

Mr P Jones,
Medical Supplies Agency,
Drummond Barracks,
Ludgershall,
Andover,

Hampshire,
SP11 9RU

Staff Numbers

Civilian	260
Service	30
Total	290

Net Operating Costs £'000

29,615

Ministry of Defence Police (MDP)

The Ministry of Defence Police was launched as an agency on 1 April 1996. Its role is to apply civil police training and constabulary powers to combat the risks of crime and disorder faced by the MOD.

Mr D L Clarke QPM
Ministry of Defence Police
Wethersfield,
Braintree,
Essex
CM7 4AZ

Staff Numbers

Civilian	3,220
Service	0
Total	3,330

Net Operating Costs £'000

161,475

Naval Manning Agency (NMA)

The Naval Manning Agency was launched as a Defence agency on 1 July 1996. The organisation is responsible for ensuring that sufficient Naval manpower is available on the trained strength to enable the Royal Navy to carry out its tasks effectively in peace, crisis or war.

Rear Admiral M W G Kerr,
Room 159,
Victory Building,
HM Naval Base,

Portsmouth,
Hampshire,
PO1 3LS

Staff Numbers

Civilian	110
Service	240
Total	350

Net Operating Costs £'000

17,538

Naval Recruiting and Training Agency (NRTA)

The Naval Recruiting and Training Agency was launched as a Defence agency on 1 April 1995. Its role is to contribute directly to the maintenance of military capability within the Naval Service by providing the required numbers of personnel trained appropriately for their individual tasks.

Rear Admiral Peter Davies CBE MSc Ceng FIEE,
Naval Recruiting and Training Agency,
Victory Building,
HM Naval Base,
Portsmouth,
Hampshire,
PO1 3LS

Staff Numbers

Civilian	1,040
Service	2,360
Total	3,400

Net Operating Costs £'000

404,811

Pay & Personnel Agency (PPA)

The agency provides a pay and personnel information service to the MOD and other customers in the public sector, the organisation was formed in February 1996.

Mr D Ball,
Pay & Personnel Agency,
PO Box 99,
Bath,
BA1 5AA

Staff Numbers

Civilian	690
Service	0

Total	690
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Net Operating Costs £'000

22,740

Queen Victoria School (QVS)

The Queen Victoria School became a Defence agency on 1 April 1992. The school provides boarding education (11-18) for the children of Scottish Service personnel.

Mr B Raine BA
Queen Victoria School,
Dunblane,
Perthshire,
FK15 0JY

Staff Numbers

Civilian	70
Service	0

Total	70
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Net Operating Costs £'000

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RAF Personnel Management Agency (RAF PMA)

Launched on 1 February 1997, the agency looks to recruit, train, support and retain the Serviceman and women needed to meet present and future RAF requirements.

Air Vice Marshall I M Stewart CB AFC LLB RAF,
RAF Personnel Manning Agency,
RAF Innsworth,
Gloucester,
GL3 1EZ

Staff Numbers

Civilian	210
Service	180

Total 390

Net Operating Costs £'000

21,041

RAF Training Group Defence Agency (RAF TGDA)

The RAF Training Group Defence Agency was launched on 1 February 1997. The agency is responsible for providing the personnel necessary for the RAF to meet its operational requirements.

Air Vice Marshal G A Miller,
RAF Training Group Defence Agency,
RAF Innsworth,
Gloucester,
GL3 1EZ

Staff Numbers

Civilian	2,010
Service	3,800
Total	5,810

Net Operating Costs £'000

717,129

Service Children's Education (SCE)

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, and also advice and support to Service parents on the provision of education in the UK.

Mr D G Wadsworth MA Mphil Hon D Ed
Building 5,
Wegberg Military Complex,
BFPO 40

Staff Numbers

Civilian	710
Service	0
Total	720

Net Operating Costs £'000

66,520

Veterans Agency (VA)

The Veterans Agency, moved from the Department of 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 widows.

Mr Alan Burnham,
Tomlinson House,
Norcross,
Thornton,
Cleveleys,
Lancashire,
FY5 3WP

Staff Numbers

Civilian	810
Service	0
Total	810

Net Operating Costs £'000

34,586

Warship Support Agency (WSA)

The Warship Support Agency was launched on 1 April 2001, the agency provides logistic support to the Fleet and other maritime elements of the UK Armed Forces.

Mr J D Coles,
Warship Support Agency,
Abbey Wood,
Bristol,
BS34 8JH

Staff Numbers

Civilian	5,100
Service	2,440
Total	7,540

Net Operating Costs £'000

3,417,976

Trading Fund Defence Agencies

ABRO

ABRO was established as a Trading Fund agency on the 1 April 2002. The agency provides fleet management services across a broad spectrum of vehicle and equipment types to a diverse range of customers, including amongst others the British Armed Forces and Industry. The agency was first launched on 1 April 1993 as an on-vote agency, the Army Base Repair Organisation.

Mr Mike Hayle
Building 200,
Portway,
Monxton Rd,
Andover,
Hampshire,
SP11 8HT

Staff Numbers

Civilian	1,950
Service	0
Total	1,950

Annual Turnover £'000

161,066

Defence Science & Technology Laboratory (DSTL)

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory was launched a Trading Fund on the 1 July 2001. The agency provides specialist scientific and technical support to the MOD.

Mr Martin Earwicker
Ively Rd,
Farnborough,
Hampshire
GU14 0LX

Staff Numbers

Civilian	2,980
Service	100
Total	3,080

Annual Turnover £'000

343,500

Defence Aviation Repair Agency (DARA)

The Defence Aviation and Repair Agency was established as a Trading Fund on 1 April 2001. The agency provides an in-house deep repair, maintenance, modification and overhaul facility for aircraft and aero-systems for the UK Armed Forces.

Mr Stephen Hill OBE
Building 145,
RAF St Athan,
Barry,
Vale of Glamorgan
CF62 42WA

Staff Numbers

Civilian	4060
Service	60

Total	4120
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Annual Turnover £'000

196,601

Meteorological Office (Met Office)

The Met Office provides meteorological services, including climate advice, to Government Departments, the Armed Forces, the public, Civil Aviation, shipping, Industry and Commerce.

Mr P Ewins CB FREng FRAeS
London Road
Bracknell,
Berkshire,
RG12 2SZ

Staff Numbers

Civilian	2080
Service	0

Total	2080
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Annual Turnover £'000

157,398

UK Hydrographic Office

The UK Hydrographic Office became a Defence agency on 6 April 1990, established as a Trading Fund six years later, the agency supports safe navigation at sea through a world-wide series of navigational charts and publications for national Defence and civil customer needs. It also makes specialised hydrographic, oceanographic and environmental products for the Royal Navy.

Dr D W Williams
UK Hydrographic Office,
Admiralty Way,
Taunton,
Somerset,
TA1 2DN

Staff Numbers

Civilian	900
Service	10
Total	910

Annual Turnover £'000

56,104