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Dear Chris

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION No 224724 ON CONTRACTS AWARDED IN RELATION TO THE ISSUE OF IDENTITY CARDS

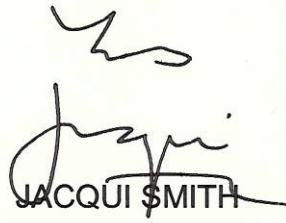
To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what contracts have been awarded in relation to the identity cards scheme; who they were awarded to; and what the value of each contract was.

You tabled the above Parliamentary Question and I undertook to write to you with a substantive answer.

One contract has been awarded for delivery of the early releases of the National Identity Scheme. In addition three variations to existing contracts have been agreed to support National Identity Scheme delivery in the short-term. These are with:

- 1) Thales for development of technology and processes for approximately £18 million
- 2) 3M SP&SL for design and production of cards for approximately £0.7m plus a per-card fee
- 3) N-Cipher for public key infrastructure and security related work for approximately £1.3 million
- 4) Secure Mail Services for secure delivery of identity cards to customers. This contract is based on a per item delivery cost.

I will arrange for a copy of this reply to be placed in the House Library.


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