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## **NSSR – Market Engagement Question and Answer Session**

The DfT have released a recording of the NSSR Market Engagement session held at Leonardo Royal Hotel, St Pauls on 19 May 2025. This document provides a breakdown of that session into timings (minutes) below to support interested parties in identifying specific sections which may be of interest.

Also included within this document is written responses to 3 questions which were asked during the Question and Answer session and NSSR committed to providing a response.

### **1.1 Introduction – (0:00)**

- 1.1.1 Welcomes and Introduction by Tom Salter

### **1.2 Who we are and What we do (6.50)**

- 1.2.1 Further information on the role NSSR plays within the UK DfT and Transport Security by Tom Salter

### **1.3 Research, Analysis and Development (17.40)**

- 1.3.1 Introduction to the Research, Analysis and Development Programme by Alastair McIntosh

### **1.4 Capabilities and Innovation (33:00)**

- 1.4.1 Introduction to the Capabilities and Innovation Programme by Paul Redfern

### **1.5 Resilience (43:50)**

- 1.5.1 Introduction to the Resilience Programme by Tom Hodges

### **1.6 Programme Management Office (48:40)**

- 1.6.1 Introduction to the Programme Management Office by Jane Dawes

### **1.7 Call-Off Contract History and Background (52:20)**

- 1.7.1 The background and utilisation of the Call-Off Contract by Alastair McIntosh

### **1.8 PA Consulting – Delivery Example (1:00)**

- 1.8.1 An example Canine Screening project delivered by PA Consulting presented by Jonny Palmer-Tomkinson

## 1.9 Question and Answer Session (1:09)

- 1.9.1 A brief question and answer session hosted by Tom Salter

## 1.10 Dstl Supporting the Department for Transport (1:26:44)

- 1.10.1 An overview of the support provided by Dstl to the UK DfT provided by Richard Biers.

## 1.11 Dstl – Delivery Example (1:34:17)

- 1.11.1 An example Trace detection project delivered by Dstl presented by Kate Khan

## 1.12 UK DfT – Future work overview (1:47:00)

- 1.12.1 Introduction to an overview of future work. This has been broken down by presenters:
  - 1.12.1.1 Programme Management Office presented by Jane Dawes
  - 1.12.1.2 Capabilities and Innovation presented by Paul Redfern
  - 1.12.1.3 Canine related work presented by Darren Saunders
  - 1.12.1.4 Resilience related work presented by Michael Sanderson
  - 1.12.1.5 Trace detection related work presented by Alan Holt
  - 1.12.1.6 Drone Security related work presented by Alan Holt
  - 1.12.1.7 Cyber Security related work presented by Eleanor Eaton

## 1.13 Procurement and Assurance (2:26:18)

- 1.13.1 Introduction to the procurement timeline and process presented by Sam Hatton

## 1.14 Question and Answer Session (2:35:35)

- 1.14.1 A Q&A session hosted by Tom Salter. This session includes 3 questions which the NSSR team have taken away and committed to providing a response. Those 3 questions have been answered below:
  - 1.14.1.1 **Question.** Will NSSR share the list of subject matter experts (SMEs) who have contributed to the delivery of the Programme throughout the duration of the existing Call-Off Contract?
    - 1.14.1.1.1 **Answer.** NSSR inquired with the Prime Supplier regarding their willingness to share this information. As a result, and in compliance with the associated

Guidance and Regulations, NSSR will not be sharing the list of subject matter experts.

1.14.1.2 **Question.** Will NSSR share the list of attendees for collaboration purposes?

1.14.1.3 **Answer.** Yes – NSSR have shared a document within this Notice which contains the details of those in attendance. As outlined within the Procurement section of the presentation, there will also be an opportunity to register your details to support with networking.

1.14.2 **Question.** Can NSSR provide detail on the level of work delivered by PA Consulting and the level of work delivered by the Supply Chain?

1.14.2.1.1 **Answer.** NSSR inquired with the Prime Supplier regarding their willingness to share this information. PA consulting has indicated that this information is commercially sensitive. Under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act, disclosure could prejudice commercial interests and compromise the integrity of the upcoming procurement process. As a result NSSR will not be sharing the level of work delivery by the Supply Chain.