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**Supply of Multi Factor Authentication keys for front-facing systems for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Clarifications - 19 October 2026**

Message Ref No	Question	Contracting Authority Response
813185	Will the 1,200 keys be deployed and used in Ireland?	The Multi Factor Authentication keys will be used in Ireland.
813185	It would also be helpful to understand the intended use case, the organization's current authentication infrastructure (for example, Microsoft Entra ID, Okta, etc.), What exactly are looking to achieve with the devices?	For security reasons we won't comment on the current infrastructure. The plan would be to configure around the winning Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) key. The key will be used for MFA at login to systems throughout the day.

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813996	Clarification required: MR 8 1. Scope of "challenge-response protocols": This could cover a wide range of protocols. Could the buyer confirm which ones they mean? For example, the OATH OCRA standard, challenge-response through a PAM module for SSH, or something else. 2. Evidence required: What kind of proof does the buyer want us to provide to show we meet this requirement?	1: The keys will primarily use WebAuthn and CTAP2 protocols. 2: Written confirmation will suffice.
815013	Given the clarification that the keys will primarily use WebAuthn and CTAP2, can the Department confirm whether all the additional authentication protocols listed in the mandatory specifications must still be supported by every supplied key, even if they are not expected to be used?	The additional protocols are still mandatory as we are not removing them from consideration going forward.