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FOI2014/07416

Date: 2 December 2014

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 21 November 2014 requesting the following information:

*My specific request to you is to ask the following:*

- 1) Can you tell me what the scope was and what were the aims of a DLO (Defence Logistics Organisation) equipment project to produce YORK PLCE (Personal Load Carrying Equipment)? I understand this project was active during 2004. I am aware that the DLO has become part of DE &S).*
- 2) Can you provide the specification or terms of reference for the YORK PLCE equipment project?*
- 3) Can you also confirm how long this project (YORK PLCE) was conducted for and when it started/ended?*
- 4) Can you supply a summary of the findings at the conclusion of the YORK PLCE equipment project?*
- 5) Can you confirm that one item of equipment (produced during the trial phase of the project) was titled YORK PLCE SHARPSHOOTER (it is in the form of an assault vest) having the item reference 'DLO R&PS P3944T' ?*
- 6) Can you supply a specification (of intended use) for this item (i.e. YORK PLCE DLO R&PS (P3944T)*
- 7) If this item (i.e. YORK PLCE SHARPSHOOTER DLO R&PS (P3944T) was indeed produced as a result of another DLO project (i.e. not YORK PLCE) can you give the same information (asked for in my questions above 1-4 above) but for the alternative (unknown to me) project title?*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Research & Project Support team ceased to exist in approximately 2007. Project files were either destroyed or sent to be archived with a date for destruction after archiving of 3-5 years.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,



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