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Dear

Thank you for your email of 3 August 2016 requesting the following information:

"I would like to make a freedom of information request regarding the MOD's sale of Brompton Road Tube Station to Ukrainian Dmytro Firtash.

I would like to know:

- 1) How and why the auction was held?*
- 2) What checks were made on Firtash? (details of each check and their results)*
- 3) Why Firtash was successful over others?*
- 4) Who arranged the auction and who oversaw the bid?"*

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. I have answered each question below.

1) How and why the auction was held?

There was no auction, the site was sold on the open market in accordance with Departmental procedure to achieve best value for money for the taxpayer.

2) What checks were made on Firtash? (details of each check and their results)

This information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at Section 21 (available to applicant by other means). Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to access the link below

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-06-07/39792/>

3) Why Firtash was successful over others?

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4) *Who arranged the auction*

Brompton Road Tube station was sold on the open market not via an auction.

4) *who oversaw the bid?*

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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, 2nd Floor, Zone N, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat