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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of [date] requesting the following information:

*"I wish to submit a request for some of the organisation's information around the internal plans and strategy documents regarding the ICT department.*

*The ICT documents I require are the 2019 – Onwards iteration. If any of the documents are, for example 2017-2020 they will suffice, but it would be ideal to see the 2019 version of the document. Or the most recent update.*

*I wish to obtain the following documents:*

- 1. ICT/IM&T/IS Strategy- The IT department strategy or plans; highlights their current and future objectives.*
- 2. ICT Org Chart- A visual document that present the structure of the IT department. If possible, please include name and job titles. If this can't be sent, please consider a version with just the job titles, and the names and any other sensitive information redacted.*
- 3. ICT Annual or Business Plan- An annual update on the progress of working according to the ICT strategy / a document that highlights specific goals that you are working towards within your ICT department.*
- 4. ICT Capital Programme/budget- A document that shows financial budget regarding current and future ICT projects or goals."*

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 UKHO, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found in Annex A but some of the information is exempt under the qualified exemption Section 40(2) (personal data) and section 43 (Commercial interest) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulation 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Section 43 has been applied because some of the information would prejudice

the commercial interests of UKHO if released. The public interest test concluded that while release of this information would promote openness and transparency, the balance of the public interest lay in withholding this information.

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, Ground 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

UKHO Secretariat

## **Annex A:**

1. ICT/IM&T/IS Strategy- The IT department strategy or plans; highlights their current and future objectives.

### **Section 43**

2. ICT Org Chart- A visual document that present the structure of the IT department. If possible, please include name and job titles. If this can't be sent, please consider a version with just the job titles, and the names and any other sensitive information redacted.

**Section 40 and Section 43-** As a trading fund, this is commercially sensitive, but we are aligned with the Government DDaT framework and the roles detailed here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/digital-data-and-technology-profession-capability-framework>

3. ICT Annual or Business Plan- An annual update on the progress of working according to the ICT strategy / a document that highlights specific goals that you are working towards within your ICT department.

### **Section 43**

4. 4. ICT Capital Programme/budget- A document that shows financial budget regarding current and future ICT projects or goals.

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