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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 October 2019 requesting the following information:

I have asked previously regarding the release of vehicle spare parts into Brightwells, Withams or other companies, please could you give me a list of all the companies that the MOD use for this type of disposal.

You have previously stated that your in the process of a review of all vehicle spares held in the MOD, Please can you update me if the review has been finalised, and if the spares will be released.

Also could you also let me know how many Land Rover Wolfs are still to be released via Brightwells.

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below and for ease of reference, I will answer each question in turn.

- i. I have asked previously regarding the release of vehicle spare parts into Brightwells, Withams or other companies, please could you give me a list of all the companies that the MOD use for this type of disposal.***

The Defence Equipment Sales Authority DESA is the sole authority within the MOD for the sale of surplus military equipment and inventory including vehicles and vehicle spare parts from the UK Armed Forces. It has the responsibility for disposing of vehicle spare parts through the most economical, safe and environmentally efficient routes. Under this responsibility, vehicle spare parts are currently either sold through our MOD approved supplier, Brightwells, which is the specialist vehicle contractor, as a serviceable spare part, or disposed of as waste through another of our MOD approved contractors, European Metal Recycling (EMR).

- ii. You have previously stated that you are in the process of a review of all vehicle spares held in the MOD, Please can you update me if the review has been finalised, and if the spares will be released.**

The review has now concluded, and I can confirm that there is no suspension on the sale of vehicle spares.

- iii. Also could you also let me know how many Land Rover Wolfs are still to be released via Brightwells.**

The number of Land Rover Wolfs to be released to Brightwells cannot be quantified as this vehicle is not due to be out of service until 2030. Additionally, any release for sale is dependent upon the MOD's Service requirements which can alter according to various circumstances. For this reason, we cannot confirm a surplus quantity that Brightwells will receive.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that as of April 2018, the contact with Withams for the sale of vehicle spare parts expired. As stated above, Brightwells is the MOD approved supplier and European Metal Recycling (EMR) is the approved contractor for waste disposal.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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