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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails dated 26 February requesting the following information:

“please email me copies of the following:
JSP 751 - Joint Casualty and Compassionate Policy
JSP 770 - Tri-Service Operational and non-Operational Welfare Policy
AGAI 99 - Command and Care of Wounded Injured and Sick Personnel”

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information requested above is enclosed as the following four documents in pdf format:

JSP 751 Volume 1 - Management of the Casualty
JSP 751 Volume 2 - Management of the Deceased
JSP 770 Tri-Service Operational and non-Operational Welfare Policy
AGAI 99 Army General Administrative Instruction (AGAI) Volume 3, Chapter 99 -
Command and Care of Wounded Injured and Sick Personnel

However, the JCCC organisation chart in Volume 1, Part 1, Chapter 1 of JSP 751 and the Appendixes 1 to 9 to Annex E to Volume 2, Part 1, Chapter 1 of JSP 751 have been redacted.

Section 26(1)a of the FOI Act provides that we should withhold information which would be likely to prejudice the defence of the British Islands or any Colony. The Act requires that we have to carry out a public interest test (PIT) in this respect to show that the reasons for withholding the information outweigh the reasons for releasing the information.

Public Interest factors in favour of disclosing the information requested:

- To fully meet the requirement of this FOI request.

Public Interest factors against disclosing the information requested:

- Release of the precise details of repatriation operations might compromise the Services' capability to effectively and safely repatriate injured, sick or fallen Service personnel, which is an ongoing armed operational requirement. The disclosure such information could therefore be a disclosure prejudicial to the defence of the UK.
- There has been no specific request for the information subject to this PIT. Therefore the public interest in disclosure of the precise details of repatriation operations is limited.

There remains a very strong public interest in preserving the MOD's ability to effectively and safely repatriate injured, sick or fallen Service personnel. I conclude that the balance of the public interest for providing copies of Appendixes 1 to 9 to Annex E to Volume 2, Part 1, Chapter 1 of JSP 751 is firmly in favour of maintaining the exemption under S.26(1)(a) and thus of withholding the 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, 1st Floor, 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,

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