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Date:
18 December 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

Thank you for your email of 20 November 2014. You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I am now asking you to provide me with the name and address of the successful bidder and the price achieved for Tender (G) 912.

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.

Some of the information you have requested falls within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests) of the FOIA and has been withheld. A Public Interest Test has been carried out to decide if the information can be released.

Section 43(2) provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any organisation or person holding it, including the MOD and its contractors.

The FOI Act contains a presumption in favour of disclosure and there is a public interest in the release of information which supports the accountability of the MOD for its use of public money; for example, to demonstrate that value for money is being obtained for taxpayers and that effective contractual processes are in place. Greater transparency of

decision making processes makes government more accountable and the release of information would allow an increased public understanding of how the procurement processes are undertaken in an open and honest way.

However, the Public Interest Test also recognised that when similar items are due to be sold, releasing the price paid data could prejudice the Department in obtaining a fair price for future items. It could also provide prospective purchasers with an unfair advantage when placing a bid for other surplus MOD landing craft and deter companies from sharing commercially sensitive information with the MOD if they are unsure about whether their information would be protected.

Accordingly, the Public Interest Test concluded that the balance of the arguments lay in favour of withholding the information to protect the commercial interests of the MOD and its customers.

I can, however, confirm the successful bidder for the Ramped Landing Craft Andalsnes is Waven Sea Navigation Ltd, Arch Makarios 228, Limassol, Cyprus.

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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

For Head of Secretariat