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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 16 April 2015. You asked, in '*relation to the work of the Overseas Disposal Team within the Disposal Services Authority*':

- 1. Please provide a full list of all MOD equipment that has been disposed outside the UK, including country of destination and money raised, in the calendar years 2013, 2014 and 2015 so far.***
- 2. If possible within the cost limit, please also provide the same information for the calendar years 2011 and 2012.***

I am treating your letter as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

However, I have to advise you that it will not be possible to respond to your entire request without exceeding the appropriate limit.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them exceeds the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it. The cost of providing the information you have requested for the full five years is estimated at £1313 (1.5 working days per financial year).

You anticipated that your request may exceed the cost limit and to bring it below the £600 threshold we have provided information for the last three years only.

Please find attached an excel spread sheet that provides information held. However, I would draw your attention to the following:

- All of the information, as requested, is specific to the Overseas Disposal Team (ODT), part of the Disposal Services Authority (DSA).
- Information is held in financial years and not calendar years. Figures are rounded to the nearest £ and are Net of tax.
- We have included all equipment disposed of by the ODT where the financial return has been recorded by that team. This excludes equipment disposed of in Afghanistan under the Agility contract which was not managed by the ODT. Also excluded is any disposal activity carried out on behalf of other Government Departments. We have included figures for sales made through VEBEG the DSA Marketing Contractor as the DSA Overseas team have administrative responsibility for that contract.
- We cannot provide 'a full list of all MOD equipment' as the ODT do not hold an itemised list. Where an entry states 'Miscellaneous' this indicates that the items were low value, non-militarised general stores not subject to UK export control. Where the entry states 'Vehicles' this is a generic term for all motorised vehicles such as 4x4 and motorcycles.
- Any equipment that is subject to UK export licence control is generally returned to the UK unless it is impractical in which case export licence approval is sought. Any equipment declared surplus in the UK that is subsequently exported will be included in the UK Trade and Investment annual statement regarding exports and is not included in the attached spread sheet.

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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