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Date: **8 March 2016**

Dear [REDACTED],

Your correspondence dated 10th February 2016 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

Please can you provide me with the following information regarding your financial accounting software

Please find below the information you requested.

Please can you provide me with the following information regarding your financial accounting software:

- *Name of financial accounting software system in use at your organisation?*
ORACLE E-business suite
- *Name of the vendor who supplies your financial accounting software system?*
ORACLE
- *Original date of purchase or contract start date?*
Initial purchase was in 2003
- *If relevant the contract renewal or expiry date?*
The finance license is an annual renewal – expiry date is Quarter 2 each year
- *Cost of annual support and maintenance or annual service cost (last financial year)?*

Section 43(2) has been applied to this information because it contains commercially sensitive 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(2) exempts the disclosure of information that would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person or Government authority, including the authority's position in the market place both as a purchaser and as a supplier.

The balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding the information given that, overall, the public interest is best served in not releasing this information to protect the commercial interests of third parties and the MOD. To disclose this information could prejudice the MOD's ability to negotiate competitive rates for future contracts and releasing the rates may also harm the commercial standing of third parties because their competitors and other potential customers would have access to this information. For these reasons I have set the level of prejudice against release of the exempted information at the level of "would be likely to".

- *Other annual spend relating to the financial accounting software system, outside the support and maintenance/service costs?*

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- *Number of members of staff involved in the internal support of the financial accounting software system for users and IT?*

Estimated to be around 20-30 internal staff

- *Is your financial accounting software on premise or hosted?*

On premise

- *Who is accountable to what financial accounting software is used at your organisation?*

DG Finance is the Accounting Officer for the department

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>.

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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