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Dear [REDACTED],

Your correspondence dated 07 January 2015 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

Further to you letter to me dated 7 January 2015, you state "I should advise that the Civil Engagement Finance Directive is a guidance document for the Army only. It is, therefore, only used in the context of Army business, within its delegations, and is not universally used within the wider department."

- 1) Is there an equivalent document which outlines the rules for civil engagement and recovery of funds for the RAF or the MOD as a whole?*
- 2) The Civil Engagement Finance Directive states that "there are risks of committing public money inappropriately, straying outside the legal framework for military activity". Which document outlines such a legal framework about the use of public money for civilian related activity within the MOD, and would you please release a copy of the document.*

Please find below the information you requested.

The RAF does not have an equivalent document to the Army one quoted, but use a combination of JSP 462 and JSP 368 which can be found at the links below.

Defence Financial Management Policy Manual (JSP 462)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jsp-462-financial-management-policy-manual>

The MOD Guide to Repayment (JSP 368)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/393036/20141218_JSP368_Chapters1_7_Redacted.pdf

JSP 462 brings together a mass of information contained in Departmental instructions, and provides Ministry of Defence (MOD) practitioners and others with clear guidance on MOD financial policy and processes. JSP 462 is in line with the Treasury Publication "Managing Public Money (MPM)".

Managing Public Money (MPM)

This Treasury publication explains how Public sector organisations are to handle public funds with probity and in the public interest.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-public-money>

All public procurement in the UK is governed by the EU Treaty and the EU Procurement Directives and UK Procurement Regulations that implement the Directives. The legal framework helps to ensure that public procurement is conducted in a fair and open manner both within the UK and across the EU. At the link below you'll find the EU Directives, the UK Regulations and further information on key aspects of the legal framework.

Policy and Standards Framework: the legal framework

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/policy-and-standards-framework-the-legal-framework>

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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