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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 8 September 2014, which requested the following information:

I would like to request a copy of the JSP 895 Contracts Library database available at the following link : [JSP 895 Contracts Library](#).

I understand due to communication with DefComrcPol-HelpDesk@mod.uk that I am unable to access this through my AOF account due to technical reasons.

*Please consider this an FoI request. I would like to request a copy of the Contracts List in any format– be that .pdf, .doc, *.xls, or even screenshots.*

If it is determined that the cost limit of the FoI act will be exceeded by this request, please reduce the scope to include only IT contracts. This would include hardware, software, services (managed or otherwise) and consultancy.

I would also like to request a copy of the internal Joint Forces Command / Information Systems and Services "Vision" document, detailing the direction of business strategy following the reorganisation in April 2014. This was published recently but seems to be unavailable online.

I am treating your email as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that we hold information relevant to your request.

I have already provided you with a slide depicting the current Information Systems and Services Vision. The other information you have requested can be found enclosed at Annex A. This is a download, as at 9 September 2014, of the JSP895 Enabling Contracts Library. Some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at section 26 (Defence) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 26 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 26(1)(b) has been applied to some of the contract lines as the information contains operationally sensitive details and their release could allow conclusions to be drawn about the capability of the Armed Forces. The balance of public interest concluded that while release of such limited details would enhance the accountability of the MOD through information about its contractual processes, there is a strong public interest in not releasing any details that would prejudice the capability of our Armed Forces or give a tactical advantage to our enemies. I have set the level of prejudice against release of the information as 'would be likely to'.

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Section 40(2) has also been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information. A column with personal telephone numbers has been withheld and, in one instance, the name of an individual has been redacted.

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 solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.