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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13 May 2014 requesting the following information:

*"I would like to take you up on your offer of getting the specific information about a comprehensive list of all UK items which have been disposed of in Afghanistan since redeployment started on the 1 October 2012, including the total cost of this equipment.*

*I would also be grateful if you could provide me with the total cost for redeploying UK equipment and materiel from Afghanistan as offered?"*

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, and I can confirm that all of the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

Answering your questions in turn:

1. *I would like to take you up on your offer of getting the specific information about a comprehensive list of all UK items which have been disposed of in Afghanistan since redeployment started on the 1 October 2012, including the total cost of this equipment.*

The information you have requested is consolidated on a quarterly basis and is available up to 01 March 2014.

Please see at Annex A the current list of all UK items which have been disposed of, either through sale or destruction, in Theatre between the 1 October 2012, when we started withdrawing equipment from Afghanistan, and 1 March 2014 (the latest date for which we have firm figures). The general principle is that we do not return equipment to the UK where the cost of bringing it back would exceed the replacement cost, or where we no longer have a requirement for the equipment and therefore selling or scrapping it in Afghanistan delivers best value for money; for such equipment we seek to maximise

receipts for the Exchequer, though occasionally we may gift to the Afghan National Security Forces where, in particular, this is important to their ability to hold bases that we are handing over to them. Much of the equipment on the list at Annex A is not new and some of it has very limited residual life, notably given the hot and dusty conditions in Afghanistan. We would return to UK, or render unusable before scrapping locally, any equipment subject to International Traffic in Arms Regulations.

As at 1 March 2014, the total value of UK equipment and de-militarised scrap disposed of was approximately £4.5M, allowing for exchange rate fluctuations.

*2. I would also be grateful if you could provide me with the total cost for redeploying UK equipment and materiel from Afghanistan as offered?"*

We are continuing to work on our costings for redeployment. Our current estimate is in the region of £300M to £350M. This includes the cost of preparing assets back to a state that they can be transported, and the cost of the transport itself.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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,

PJHQ J8 Secretariat