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12 June 2014

Dear [Redacted]

Request for Information

Thank you for your email of 16 May 2014. You asked:

I would like to request information on the disposal of C130K Hercules aircraft and support spares stock. I understand that the last of the aircraft have been sold under treaty as well as the entire support package of spares and tools

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like full details on the disposals process and who has acquired the stock, aircraft and spares. I would also like information regarding the return of value to the UK MOD and Treasury for the disposal of that stock.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested as this is not held by the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

Section 16 of the FOI act asks that public authorities provide advice and assistance. The final tranche of C130K Hercules fleet have been withdrawn from service from 31 October 2013 in accordance with MOD operational requirements. The Disposal Services Authority is in negotiations with a number of potential buyers for the C130K Hercules aircraft and associated equipment but as yet no assets have been sold. I am sure you will appreciate that any surplus Defence equipment has potentially significant value, and the first priority

for both the MOD and HM Treasury will be to ensure that the department achieves the best return to the taxpayer.

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,

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For Head of Secretariat