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Your Reference:

Our Reference:
FOI2014/03671

Date: 7 August 2014

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter of 16th July 2014 requesting the following information:

"1. Please could you supply details (Contract number, Date placed, quantities, Asset Codes, Descriptions and ERMs) of vehicle contracts placed with Land Rover after 1989 for the Army and RAF on a tri-service basis.

2. Is it possible to provide similar details of Royal Navy contracts since 1948? If this information is not held by D&ES is there a contact within the Royal Navy?"

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested in your first question can be found enclosed but some of the information falls within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at section 26 (Information which, if disclosed, would prejudice defence or the capability, effectiveness or security of relevant forces) of the FOIA and has therefore been redacted.

Section 26 is a qualified exemption and, as such, is subject to a public interest test 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 information because it contains details of where the equipment is located and therefore may suggest what capabilities exist in locations around the world. Although release of the information would demonstrate MOD commitment to openness and transparency, 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 details of where specific equipment is held.

The information you have requested in your second question is not held.

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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