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Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE RADIOS.

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In your e-mail of 5 June, you requested the following information:

"Please can you provide the following information?"

1. Quantity of Radios

- a. Overt Handheld
- b. Covert
- c. Over Mobile
- d. Covert Mobile

2. Manufacture Supplier of –

- a. Overt Handheld
- b. Covert
- c. Over Mobile
- d. Covert Mobile

3. Contract Renewal Dates for –

- a. Overt Handheld
- b. Covert
- c. Over Mobile
- d. Covert Mobile

4. Mobile Application on -

- a. Overt Handheld
- b. Covert
- c. Over Mobile
- d. Covert Mobile

5. Tetra Strategy 2014 – 2017

6. Mobility Strategy 2014 – 2017

7. ICT Strategy 2014 – 2017”

Some of the information requested is provided below:

1. Quantity of Radios

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Overt Handheld | 3,155 |
| b. Covert | Information withheld |
| c. Over Mobile | 181 |
| d. Covert Mobile | Information withheld |

2. Manufacture Supplier of –

- a. Overt Handheld
- b. Covert
- c. Over Mobile
- d. Covert Mobile

Sepura are the suppliers of all current radio systems.

3. Contract Renewal Dates for –

- a. Overt Handheld
- b. Covert
- c. Over Mobile
- d. Covert Mobile

Contract renewal date is 30 April 2016

4. Mobile Application on -

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Overt Handheld | 797 |
| b. Covert | Information withheld |
| c. Over Mobile | 0 |
| d. Covert Mobile | Information withheld |

5. Tetra Strategy 2014 – 2017

To continue with current service arrangements and then migrate in accordance with Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme.

6. Mobility Strategy 2014 – 2017

To continue with current service arrangements and then migrate in accordance with Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme.

7. ICT Strategy 2014 – 2017

To continue in accordance with MOD Information and Communications Technology Strategy.

In our letter of 26 June we advised you that we were conducting a Public Interest Test (PIT) to determine whether or not we should release all the information you requested. We have now completed the PIT and concluded that the balance favoured withholding the information requested at 1 b and d and 4 b and d.

We have now completed a public interest test, using Section 31 (law enforcement). We have concluded that the public may be interested in the equipment available to police to disrupt crime and disorder. However, the release of information relating to covert capabilities would be prejudicial to law enforcement and could assist criminals. In this case the balance clearly favours engaging the exemptions and withholding the information.

Section 31 (1) (a) and (b) applies because disclosure of this information would mean that law enforcement tactics would be compromised which would hinder prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension/prosecution of offenders.

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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