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Dear .

Thank you for your email of 10 September 2015 requesting the following information:

"...Ministry of Defence Police,

Could you please provide the following information?

- 1. When your current contract with HR and Payroll software expires.
- 2. When your current contract with BACs payment software expires.
- 3. Where/if these services will be tendered.
- 4. Are you joined to another police force with regards to the above information.

Where there is no contract or expiry, if you just put the number and N/A, I would be very grateful."

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 (MOD), and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held. Requested details of the MOD Police's current HR, Payroll and BACS software are as follows:

- 1.
- a) N/A. Under Section 16 (Advice and Guidance) of the FOIA, the HR and Payroll software is an Commercial Off the Shelf packaged managed by an in house team.
- b) Current arrangements with the vendor for support and maintenance of HR and Payroll software licences expire Q1 2018.
- 2.
- a) N/A. Under Section 16 (Advice and Guidance) of the FOIA, Defence Business Services (DBS) utilise a Commercial Off the Shelf package managed by an in house team to access BACS, where the license is renewed annually in May. The overarching BACS agreement is via the Government Banking Services, a part of HMRC.

- b) Information not held. Under Section 16 (Advice and Guidance) of the FOIA, the overarching BACS agreement is via the Government Banking Services, a part of HMRC. Defence Business Services (DBS) utilise a Commercial Off the Shelf software to access this service which is renewable in Q1 annually.
- 3. Each requirement will be reviewed prior to expiry. Replacement software, licences, or support, is expected to be tendered through the relevant Cabinet Office / Crown Commercial Services Framework at the time procurement activity commences (Link: <a href="http://ccs-agreements.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/procurement-pipeline">http://ccs-agreements.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/procurement-pipeline</a>).
- 4. No. Under Section 16 (Advice and Guidance) of the FOIA, the MOD Police are managed and paid via the same methods used for MOD Civil Servants.

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). 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, <a href="http://www.ico.org.uk">http://www.ico.org.uk</a>.

Yours sincerely,

Information Systems and Services (ISS)