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Dear

Thank you for your email of 20 April 2015 requesting the following information:

*"When Project Rose is expected to be announced and completed (ie the sale of Hyde Park Barracks) and how much MOD now forecasts to receive from this transaction."*

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.

Section 43 has been applied to some of the information in order to protect information which would prejudice commercial interests.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

No decision has been made in relation to the future of Hyde Park Barracks or when Project Rose is expected to be completed.

Section 43(2) has been applied to your request for information relating to "how much MOD now forecasts to receive from this transaction". The outcome of the balance of the public interest test concluded that release would promote openness, transparency and a further understanding of government processes in decision making. It has been necessary, however, to weigh the factors favouring disclosure against the strong public interest in protecting MOD's commercial interests. The balance of the public interest lay in withholding this information you requested.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat

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.

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