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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2015 requesting the following information:

"Please could you provide me with the following documents mentioned in the "Review of the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations (Aug-Dec 2014)", which was provided to me in a previous freedom of information act request?

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/internal_review_of_the_reserve_f

1. The High-Level Review of Cadet Forces by Lt Gen Beckett (completed Dec 2014) (p.iv of the document).
2. The joint DIO/CRFCA Volunteer Estate Review (p.iv of the document).
3. The overall analysis of the 3 Reviews submitted to the MOD, by ACDS RF&C staff, which was set to be completed on the 31st of March 2015 (p.iv of the document).
4. The potential Cadet Force 2020 Programme (p.3 of the document)."

This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with 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 information in scope of your request is held.

With regards to parts 1,2 and 3 of your request the information is exempt under the FOIA and is therefore being withheld. The following exemption has been applied: Section 35(1)(a) - Formulation of government policy. As this is a qualified exemption and in accordance with the FOIA, we are obliged to carry out a Public Interest Test (PIT). This has now been completed. In respect of Section 35(1)(a) of the FOIA, we have concluded that while there is a level of public interest in both reserves and cadets matters the requested documents should not be released as the Joint DIO/CRFCA Volunteer Estate Review has not yet been completed. As such, there is no formal analysis of the three reviews that could be released. Current estimates for the completion of the review is late 2015.

In respect of part 4 of your request a copy of The Cadet Force (CF) 2020 Programme – Vision, Intent and Scheme of Manoeuvre (Lines-of-Effort) is releasable.

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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat