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Dear

Thank you for your email of 8 June 2016 requesting the following information:

*"What is the name of the independent marketing agent that valued the site for the MoD?
What was the method of sale? I.e. was it sold through formal tender, informal tender, auction or private treaty?"*

If it was sold through a tendering process:

- A. *What was the date on which the tendering process started?*
- B. *What was the closing date of the tendering process on which final offers had to be submitted?*
- C. *Please send a copy of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire sent out by the MoD or its agents in relation to the sale.*
- D. *Please give the name of each company that that successfully pre-qualified to submit a bid under the Invitation to Tender (ITT).*

What was the value of the highest and the lowest bid made on the site?

What were the criteria by which the winning bid was selected?

What was the name of the most senior official employed by the Ministry of Defence or its agents in charge of the sale process and in selecting the winning bid?"

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 information in scope of your request is held. I have answered each question below.

What is the name of the independent marketing agent that valued the site for the MoD?

This information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at Section 21 (available to applicant by other means). Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to access the link below

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-06-07/39789/>

What was the method of sale? I.e. was it sold through formal tender, informal tender, auction or private treaty

Brompton Road Tube station was sold on the open market.

What was the value of the highest and the lowest bid made on the site?

This information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at Section 43 (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.

What were the criteria by which the winning bid was selected?

The site was sold on the open market in accordance with Departmental procedure to achieve best value for money for the taxpayer.

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What was the name of the most senior official employed by the Ministry of Defence or its agents in charge of the sale process and in selecting the winning bid?

This information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at sections 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to access the link below

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-06-07/39791/>

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat