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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Thank you for your email of 7 July 2015 requesting the following information:

“Thank you for attaching the Cadet Force Programme 2020.

I noticed that your justification for not releasing the other three documents requested, only applies to documents 2 and 3. You have not stated whether Document 1, "The High-Level Review of Cadet Forces by Lt Gen Beckett (completed Dec 2014)" is incomplete. Although I imagine that considering the "Internal Review of the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations" states that it was completed in December 2014, that it probably has been. If this is the case, could you please send me a copy?

Also would it be possible to see any provisional drafts for documents 2 and 3? If not, could you please send them to me once they are completed in Late 2015? Or will I have to complete another FOIA Request? “

You sought further advice concerning our response to FOI2015/05040 which was sent to you on 1 July 2015 in our reply we advised non-disclosure of three documents requested and the reasoning for our decision. I apologise if the exemption applicable to document 1 was not clearly defined. The High Level Review of Cadets was not released due to the exemption applied under Section 35(1)(a) Formulation of government policy. Following the Public Interest Test this report was withheld as the analysis of the recommendations contained in the report directly affects the formulation and development of government policy currently being undertaken.

It is not possible to release draft reports as they are incomplete documents. You will, therefore, need to raise a new FOI request in due course should your interest remain when these are finalised. However, you may wish to note that a joint analysis of the three reviews (Review of the Reserve Forces and Cadets Associations (Aug-Dec 2014), High-Level Review of Cadet Forces and joint DIO/CRFCA Volunteer Estate Review) may not be required as the implementation of each review will take place over separate timescales

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.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat