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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 16 October 2015. You asked:

We would like to request a copy of the Contract that was awarded to Leidos as the managing agent under LCS(T).

We further request the name and contact details of the person(s) inside MoD who are responsible for monitoring this Contract.

I am treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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.

The Leidos contract is due to be published as part of the Transparency Agenda before the end of this year. Therefore, this information falls within scope of the qualified exemption provided for at Section 22 (*Future Publication*) of the FOI Act and has therefore been withheld.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption and is subject to a public interest test. This means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Section 22(1) (a) has been applied to this information as it is in the process of being prepared for publication by the MOD. The balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding the information given that the requested information is held with the planned intention of releasing it into the public domain on the gov.uk website in accordance with Cabinet Office publication dates.

I am withholding 'the name and contact details of the person(s) inside MoD who are responsible for monitoring this Contract.' in accordance with Section 40 (*Personal Information*) of the FOI Act. Section 40(2) has been applied in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

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



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