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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 30 December 2015 where you requested copies of Minutes of Meetings of the Army Dress Committee (ADC), and information about technical specifications for insignia, buttons etc.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds this information. Minutes of the 352nd and 353rd meetings of the ADC are exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because they are reasonably accessible to you by other means. They are already in the public domain, please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing-23-november-2015>

I enclose minutes of the 323rd and 341st meetings of the ADC, as requested. Section 40(2) of the FOIA has been applied to some of the information 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.

In my letter of 29 January 2016, I advised that a public interest test was required in order to judge whether any information should be withheld under Section 43 of the FOIA (Commercial Interests). I am pleased to inform you that the result of the public interest test is that the Technical Specification you requested may be released to you. Please note that we have provided Issue 13 rather than Issue 14, as we believe this to be the one you require.

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Yours sincerely,

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