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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 1st July 2015 requesting the following information:

"I would like to request all of the opinion polls carried out by Ipsos MORI for the MOD on public attitudes towards the armed forces/military from January 1997 to July 2015 please. These are not available on Ipsos/MORI's web site."

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, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below. However, the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 21 (reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means).

The MOD's public opinion polls from 2011 to date can be found on Gov.uk:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-opinion-surveys>.

The MOD's public opinion polls from 1999 through to 2010 can be found on the National Archives website:
<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110414083316/http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/PublicationScheme/SearchPublicationScheme/PublicOpinionSurveys.htm>

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) it may be helpful to note that public opinion polls have been conducted by Ipsos MORI and by other research companies on behalf of the MOD. The MOD has conducted periodic polling on the reputation of the armed forces and the MOD since 1999. The results are used for Departmental planning purposes.

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,

DDC Secretariat Parliamentary