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Thank you for your email of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 requesting the following information:

- “1. How many quad bikes does the Ministry of Defence own?”*
- “2. What are they used for?”*

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

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 answers are below.

The information you have requested can be found below but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 21 (reasonably accessible) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 21 has been applied to some of the information because it is reasonably accessible by other means. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

In response to the first question: *“1. How many quad bikes does the Ministry of Defence own?”*  
The MOD has approximately 900 quad bikes.

In response to the second question: *“2. What are they used for?”*  
The information is accessible at: <http://www.army.mod.uk/equipment/23272.aspx>

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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,

*DE&S Secretariat*

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