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Thank you for your email dated 1 June 2016. You asked:

***Could you please tell me the ways your marine equipment, particularly Harbour launches and Lifejackets are disposed of please?***

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

It might be helpful if I first explained that any surplus Defence equipment has potentially significant intrinsic value, and the first priority for both the MOD and HM Treasury will be to ensure that the department achieves the best return to the taxpayer. The Disposal Services Authority (DSA), part of MOD, disposes of Defence equipment that is surplus to requirement and this includes marine equipment.

Most surplus equipment is sold through a series of competitively awarded marketing agreements with specialist contractors. These marketing agreements are structured to not only encourage the commercial partner to achieve the highest possible level of return from sale but to provide a cost free disposal service to the Department, with costs and profit only being recoverable on completion of sale.

Information about the sale of surplus MOD equipment can be found at: [www.ex-mod.com](http://www.ex-mod.com).

You asked in particular about the following:

**Harbour Launch** - If the vessel is less than 11m in length, it is classified as a 'small craft' and is normally sold through one of our marketing contractors. If the vessel is over 11m in length the more likely disposal route will be through a Private Treaty arrangement.

**Life Jackets** - If the jackets are in good condition, they will be sold through our clothing marketing contractor. If they are unserviceable, they will be scrapped.

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



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