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FOI2015/02277

Date: 11 March 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 26 February 2015 requesting the following information:

I currently own and operate the ex-military Land Rovers detailed above and I am trying to locate details relating to the maintenance and safe operation of this vehicle. I am aware that numerous modifications and amendments have been carried out to the Land Rover Defender TUL(HS) / TUM(HS) since its introduction, many of which are of a safety nature or for improved reliability.

I understand that General Instructions contained within AESP 2320-D-128-821 detail numerous upgrade, improvements and maintenance procedures for the vehicles in question. I would therefore be grateful if a copy of this AESP could be made available.

Any information would be gratefully received and would be for personal use as described. Electronic copies of any available information would be preferable but paper copies would be equally acceptable.

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found at annex A, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) and 40(3) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. In this instance the direct contact details of a junior civil servant, that is staff below the Senior Civil Service, has been withheld in accordance with the personal information exemption at section 40(2) and 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This individual is not in a public facing role and has an expectation that their direct contact details will not be put into the public domain. It would be unfair for us to disclose their details and would contravene the first data protection principle. 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,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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