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Dear

Thank you for your email of 13 March 2015 requesting the following information:

"I am working for a research consultancy, Credo Analytics, and am currently researching contracts obtained by the company Sodexo. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek information about the Ministry of Defence's contracts with Sodexo at Culdrose. I would be grateful if you could please confirm the following information regarding the contract:

1. *The Start Date*
2. *Value*
3. *Duration*

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request and I look forward to hearing from you within the 20 working day statutory time period. "

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 (MOD), and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held.

Some of the information you have requested can be found below:

The Start Date of the Culdrose contract was 1 May 2006, the duration is for 10 years, so it is due to expire 31 March 2016.

In regard to the value of the contract, the MOD holds information related to your request, but we believe the information falls within the scope of the qualified exemption Section 43 (Commercial Interests), where release of this information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. As such it is necessary for us to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Section 43 is a qualified exemption and is subject to a Public Interest Test.

A Public Interest Test has been conducted in connection to your request for information in regards to the value of the Sudexo Contract at Culdrose and the balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding any information in respect of your contract costs request.

Yours Sincerely,

DIO Secretariat

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 DIO Secretariat 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>.