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Thank you for your email of 23rd June 2016 clarifying your initial request of 2nd June 2016 requesting the following information:

Can you please give me an estimate of the number of light commercial vehicles – ie vans, pick ups and 4x4s of no more than 3.5 tonnes gvw – in use with the British Armed Forces.

For clarification I require info about the light commercial vehicles you use – I do not care whether they are owned, leased or how they are financed.

It would be helpful if you could me a total figure for all vehicles of the kind described used by British Armed forces. If you can easily break this down into the three separate forces, or if it easier for you to do so, then that is fine.

I do not need to know the purpose of the vehicles, or any other detail about them, simply the gross number of LCVs (estimated if necessary) used by her majesty's forces.

This figure really does not need to be accurate to the last vehicle – rounded to the nearest thousand would be quite acceptable for my purposes.

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 all the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below:

Over the last financial year, circa 3700 vehicles have been used by the MOD, which includes the British Armed Forces.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the MOD has a single framework contract in place with Babcock International Group PLC through which light commercial vehicles are leased to meet all of the British Armed Forces and MOD requirements.

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, 2nd 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.

If you have any queries about this request do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely.