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Dear

Thank you for your email of 27 June 2014 requesting the following information: -

"I note from a BBC report that the dismantling of Camp Bastian is happening, there is thousands of tons of scrap metal being deposited of, i would like to know who this metal is being given/sold to, how much the estimated value of this metal is and how was it decided which company should be the company that it would be given/sold to."

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at sections 43 (Commercial Interest) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Section 43(2) has been applied to some of the information because disclosure of commercially sensitive information could cause harm, financial loss of profitability, opportunity or reputation, facilitate improper gain or advantage for competitors and/or seriously undermine the company's position. Companies in future could also be deterred from sharing commercially sensitive information with MOD if they are unsure about whether their information would be protected.

Who is the metal being given/sold to:

- Contract (8022/OPH/356) was awarded to ProCon Building Materials Trading LLC on 18 Sep 12 for the de-militarisation of vehicles and scrap of non warlike items. ProCon were selected after a competitive tender exercise by commercial staff in theatre.

How was it decided who to sell to:

- The requirement was tendered in theatre
- Two bidders registered an interest and were subsequently issued with an 'Invitation to Tender' on 7 Sep 12.
- Technical and commercial evaluations were conducted in-theatre and ProCon provided the lowest price compliant bid and therefore offered best value for money.

Estimated value:

- The estimated value of the scrap cannot be divulged without releasing commercially sensitive information and this is therefore withheld under section 43 of the FOI Act, as detailed above.

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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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