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Date:
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your email dated 14th August 2015 is considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested the following information:

Please could you list all Ministry of Defence contracts, valued in excess of £ 100 million, that were awarded between January 1st 2003 to March 31st 2010. I would be grateful if you could state:

- The company they were awarded to,*
- The contract number*
- The total value of the contract*
- The contract start and end date.*

If you have information on the names of short-listed companies who also bid for these companies and any description of the services rendered, I would be most grateful if you could also include them. However, they are not essential for the fulfilment of this request.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information relevant to your request. Details of contracts awarded between 1st January 2003 and 31st March 2010, valued in excess of £100 million, are attached. The nature of the services rendered has been provided by way of the contract title for each contract. I regret that most of the contracts listed are now held in deep archive storage and it has not been possible, therefore, to provide the names of the short-listed companies who submitted a bid.

The information against one contract has been withheld under qualified exemptions Section 26(1)(a) and Section 26(1)(b), of the FOIA. As advised in my letter of 11th September 2015, a Public Interest Test (PIT) was undertaken to determine whether, in all circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighed the public interest in disclosure. The PIT weighed the presumption of disclosure and the enhancing of public accountability against whether reference to projects and systems could place at risk the defence of the British Islands or of any colony, and the capability, effectiveness or security of the Armed Forces.

The PIT concluded that for all but one contract there were no grounds to withhold contract information. In the single case, however, it was considered that reference to a sensitive system could impact on the defence of the British Islands and its colonies, and the security of Armed Forces. It was considered that the level of prejudice was at the higher level of 'would', and, therefore that the balance of the public lies in maintaining the qualified exemptions and withholding the information under both Section 26(1)(a) and Section 26(1)(b) of the FOIA.

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 solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.