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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 14 May 2017. You asked:

I am treating your email as a request for information in accordance with 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 information in scope of your request is held.

How much money have you provided Post Office Ltd - a wholly owned vehicle of the government just like the NHS - to prevent cyber attacks against their ancient computer system known as Horizon that runs under Windows NT?

Please provide evidence that you have warned Post Office Ltd that the possibility of cyber attacks is a real and present danger.

British Forces Post Office (BFPO) mail and counter services are provided in partnership with the Royal Mail Group and Post Office Ltd to ensure that where possible service personnel, their families and entitled civilians serving overseas are not disadvantaged. The BFPO operates as an extension of the UK's domestic mail system for the benefit of service personnel, their families and entitled civilians serving overseas.

BFPO has not provided Post Office Limited with any funding for the security of the Horizon system or advice about cyber attacks.

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), part of GCHQ, provides guidance aimed at helping UK government departments, agencies, the critical national infrastructure and its supply chains protect their information and systems. It also has relevance for local government and the wider public sector. Further information can be found on the NCSC website:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

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



DE&S Secretariat