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Thank you for your E-Mail dated 8th June 2017, requesting the following information:

As we agreed on the phone, I am sending you my information inquiries regarding Personal Interfaced Hearing Protection system. I was wondering if MoD has a spending budget or project in this system, which replaces soldiers' old tactical communication headsets with new tactical personal communication systems which could provide hearing protection. As I can see MoD has made procurement order from a Danish company called Invisio Communications recently. Thank you in advance.

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 information in scope of your request is held.

Personal In-Ear Hearing Protection (PIHP) was an Urgent Operational Requirement (UOR) for Op HERRICK. This system enabled users to operate and communicate safely and clearly in all environments. As this was placed under an UOR contract, it was for a short period only.

The core capability for hearing protection which is now in service is provided by the Tactical Hearing Protection System (THPS), which was placed under contract with Marlborough Communications Limited, a partner of Invisio Communications.

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, Ground 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.

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Yours Sincerely

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