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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your email of 19 April 2017 requesting the following information:

*"This is a freedom of information request regarding the national housing prime, which was awarded to CarillionAmey. The link below to the government website provides further information on the prime I am referring to:*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/next-generation-estate-contracts-ngec/next-generation-estate-contracts-ngec#national-housing-prime-procurement>

*Please can you provide copies of:*

- *The successful tender submission*
- *The scoring and feedback of the successful tender submission*

*I would expect the third parties involved would have identified their commercially sensitive information and the period of sensitivity, where documents contain commercially sensitive information, I am happy to receive a redacted version.*

*Finally it is in the public interest to issue the documentation requested to facilitate the accountability and transparency in the spending of public money and the decisions taken by public authorities."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that all the information within the scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at Section 21 (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) and the qualified exemptions provided for at Section 43 (Commercial interests) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 21(1) has been applied to point one of your request because you can view this data on the Contracts Finder archive and is therefore reasonably accessible to you using the link below. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

<https://data.gov.uk/data/contracts-finder-archive/contract/1437398/>

Section 43(2) has been applied to point two of your request because details of scoring and feedback of the successful tender submission are commercially sensitive. Section 43 is a qualified exemption and 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. The balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding the information given that, overall, the public interest is best served in not releasing details on the scoring and feedback of the successful tender submission as this would prejudice the commercial interests of CarillionAmey (Housing Prime) Ltd and also the commercial relationship it has and other organisations have with the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

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 DIO Secretariat 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](mailto: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,

DIO Secretariat