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Thank you for your email dated 12 November 2017. You asked:

Please could you let me know the volume of MOD spares and vehicles for disposal from Cyprus, are the spares shipped back to the U.K?

Would I be able to bid for any items that come up for disposal in the future?

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.

Defence Equipment Sales Authority (DESA) disposes of defence equipment that is surplus to requirement. Most surplus equipment is sold through a series of competitively awarded marketing agreements with specialist contractors. Any parties interested in purchasing surplus equipment (including private individuals, companies and museums) are encouraged to register their interest with DESA and its marketing contractors, a list of which can be found using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/defence-equipment-sales-authority>

The marketing contractor for the sale of vehicles and vehicles spares is Withams (Specialist Vehicles) Ltd.

Information about all surplus MOD equipment sold commercially can be found at <http://www.ex-mod.com/>

Between 1 October 2016 and 30 September 2017 (that latest period for which figures are available), there were four separate declarations from Cyprus for a total of 99 vehicles. All of which were shipped back to the UK for disposal action. There were no declarations for vehicle spares.

Vehicle spares are seldom disposed of locally in Cyprus due to the Duty & Import conditions; any items that are disposed of locally are recycled and are not sold for reuse.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours Sincerely,


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