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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Your correspondence received 10th February 2017 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested the following information:

Part 1: "Can you provide details of the expected financial savings to MOD at the time of the original DII contract let?"

Part 2: "Secondly can you provide a comparison of the figures against the actual savings to date attributed to the service under the original and any subsequent DII contracts?"

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information in scope of your request, but that we believe that some of the information falls within the scope of Section 43 because it is likely to prejudice commercial interests.

Part 1:

At the time of the original DII contract let in 2005, the MOD expected financial savings directly attributable to DII, on full delivery, to be in excess of £1.6 billion over the 10 years of the programme and this expectation was exceeded by £88M, delivering £1.688Bn of savings to the MOD. DII

hosted other MOD programmes, enabling these to meet their financial savings expectations to the order to the cumulative total of just over £1.8Bn.”

Part 2:

A comparison between DII's direct savings above and that expected under the existing contract extension are subject to Section 43(2) of the FOI Act. MOD calculates direct savings from the cost differential between the two services and this exemption is engaged as the contract extension is subject to commercial negotiations between the MOD and the supplier (the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services-led ATLAS Consortium). Release of this information would disadvantage the MOD's negotiating position as the cost differential would expose the MOD's financial position and remove its commercial leverage to attain best value for money to the taxpayer.

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.

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,

Information Systems and Services (ISS) Secretariat