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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 10 November in which you requested the following information:

*"I am looking for information which specifically deals with the following questions:*

- 1. is it correct that the Warthog was moved into the MOD Core Equipment Programme after the campaign in Afghanistan?*
- 2. whether the answer to (1) above is yes or no, on what date was that decision taken and, where relevant, on what date was it actually implemented?*
- 3. if the answer to (1) above is yes, was the purpose of bringing the Warthogs into the MOD Core Equipment Programme to bring the Warthogs back from Afghanistan?*
- 4. if the answer to (3) is no, what was the purpose of bringing the Warthogs into the MOD Core Equipment Programme?*
- 5. when did the Warthogs return to the UK?*
- 6. what business cases were considered for the use of the Warthog vehicles after they returned from Afghanistan and when were these considered?*
- 7. which (if any) of the business cases referred to in question (6) above, were approved and on what date and, if different, which of them were implemented and on what date?*
- 8. would any vehicle be kept within the Army's Core Equipment Programme for use in the Army without an agreed or approved business case?"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and is below.

- 1. is it correct that the Warthog was moved into the MOD Core Equipment Programme after the campaign in Afghanistan?*

Yes.

2. *whether the answer to (1) above is yes or no, on what date was that decision taken and, where relevant, on what date was it actually implemented?*

A Business Case was raised, dated 7 August 2013 to request 105 Warthog Protected Mobility vehicles be brought into the Core Equipment Programme in order to support Army 2020 Force Structures. The Business Case was approved by the Army's Director of Resources on 20 September 2013 for 60 platforms, with the remaining 45 to be placed into storage pending further assessment as to whether they would be suitable as carriers for a future capability.

3. *if the answer to (1) above is yes, was the purpose of bringing the Warthogs into the MOD Core Equipment Programme to bring the Warthogs back from Afghanistan?*
4. *if the answer to (3) is no, what was the purpose of bringing the Warthogs into the MOD Core Equipment Programme?*

The purpose of bringing Warthogs into the Core MOD Equipment programme was to facilitate capabilities under Army 2020 future requirements.

5. *when did the Warthogs return to the UK?*

As at 1 October 2014 all Warthog vehicles had returned to the UK from Afghanistan

6. *what business cases were considered for the use of the Warthog vehicles after they returned from Afghanistan and when were these considered?*
7. *which (if any) of the business cases referred to in question (6) above, were approved and on what date and, if different, which of them were implemented and on what date?*

As per questions 2 and 3, a Business Case was raised, dated 7 August 2013. This was approved by the Army's Director Resources on 20 September 2013 for 60 platforms required to facilitate capabilities under Army 2020 future requirements.

This Business Case provided support funding for a 4 year period. After this period, it was intended to run an open competition for an output-based contracting regime to support all of the Urgent Operational Requirement (UOR) procured Protected Mobility vehicles. In April 2015 a review to reconfirm the requirement for Warthog commenced, which meant that all activity concerning Warthog's introduction to the Core Equipment Programme was paused prior to a formal decision. This was made on 9 October 15 and determined there was no enduring requirement for Warthog. The intention to run an open competition for the support contract was therefore overtaken by events and no further Business cases were raised after this date.

8. *would any vehicle be kept within the Army's Core Equipment Programme for use in the Army without an agreed or approved business case"?*

Unsupported vehicles would not normally remain in the Army's Core Equipment Programme. I can confirm that one vehicle has been retained by the Defence Academy for educational purposes only.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely,

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