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Thank you for your email of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 requesting the following information:

*Please can you answer the following questions?*

1. *Who provides the Mod's vehicle hire fleet?*
2. *Do you have a contract with this company?*
3. *If so when does it come up for renewal?*
4. *Will the renew be subject to a Tendering Exercise?*

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

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.

The responses to your questions are as follows:

1. Babcock International Group PLC, as the Defence White Fleet Manager, acts as the Ministry of Defence's agent.
2. Yes, the MOD has a contract with Babcock.
3. The Babcock contract is for six years with an end date of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. There are an additional four one-year options which could, potentially, take this to an end date of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
4. A replacement contract would be competed.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to note that in addition to the Babcock contract, there are rental contracts with Europcar International for UK car hires, SHB Hire Limited for 4x4 vehicles and Ryder Limited for trucks, but these are placed through the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Framework. The rental contracts expire on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and will be competed prior to this date under the CCS Framework. The Framework itself expires in September 2018 and will be competed using the appropriate regulations.

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](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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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