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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 31 January requesting the following information:

"I am currently undertaking a research project in partial fulfilment of an MSc in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution, and I would be most grateful if you could send me electronic copies of the Z clause amendments used in at least three of your recent construction projects or framework contracts"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that there are no Z Clauses in the terms and conditions used by Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) for construction. The Engineering and Construction (ECC) terms and conditions have been amended by DIO to create a bespoke set of terms and conditions for its construction frameworks. All projects let by DIO utilising these frameworks therefore adopt the same bespoke set of terms and conditions.

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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 normally 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