



Ministry
of Defence



DE&S Secretariat (LD & SE)

DESSEC-PolSecLE-JSC-WPNS@mod.uk



Defence Equipment & Support
Maple 0a # 2043
MOD Abbey Wood
Bristol BS34 8JH



16 March 2018
Our Reference: FOI2018/03195

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 25 February 2018. You asked:

Does the MOD use any foam with PFC's in?

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.

In my letter to you dated 23 January 2018 (FOI2018/13715) I advised that: *'In April 2015, Team Leidos was chosen by the MOD as the Delivery Partner to deliver the Logistic Commodities and Services Transformation programme. A 13-year contract, worth approximately £6.7bn was signed with UK-based Prime Contractor Leidos Europe Ltd to provide procurement and inventory management of commodity items (food, medical and general stores, clothing, oils, lubricants and gases) alongside storage of non-explosive inventory, and distribution and freight services for all inventory a task then undertaken by Defence Equipment and Support. As part of the procurement function, Team Leidos manage the procurement of two types of fire supressing foam. The first is used by UK Armed Forces, mainly the RAF, and is designed for training purposes, while the second is used in fire extinguishers found in office spaces, kitchens etc. and is widely used across the MOD for firefighting.'*

Of the range of fire extinguishers procured through Team Leidos, two hand held extinguishers use foam that contain PFCs; this represents less than 1% of the total construct of the foam.

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,



DE&S Secretariat