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Via:

11th April 2018 Our Ref: FOI2018/02714

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 21st February 2018 requesting the following information:

Could you please provide details of the number of complete "Virtus" Soldier Systems procured to date.

*In addition could you please provide the following details with reference to
NSN: 8465-31-016-0689*

*Total number procured by the MOD
Purchase price per unit*

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 the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information, the purchase price per unit, falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at section 43 (Commercial Interests) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested regarding the purchase price per unit can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Section 43 (2) considers information which if released is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. A person may be an individual, a company, the MOD, or any other legal entity. Disclosing the information requested (the purchase price per unit) would be considered a breach of commercial confidentiality. This could result in other companies being reluctant to provide commercially sensitive information to the MOD.

The total number of VIRTUS Soldier Systems procured to date is 37,275.

The total number of NSN 8465-31-016-0689 procured to date is 48,213.

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.gov.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,

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