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Reply to:

Dear

27 July 2018

Thank you for your email of 12 July 2018 requesting the following information:

"Can I ask who is the new Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Military Strategy and Operations) after June 2018?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). The Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information relevant to your request.

The new Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Military Strategy and Operations) has been selected and the appointment has been announced. The new incumbent is Lieutenant General D M Chalmers DSO OBE who has been in post since June 2018.

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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk</u>). 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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