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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 7 June 2017 in which you requested the following information:

“What is the reason behind Glasgow City Council cancelling Armed Forces day in the city this year?”

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

Due to a lack of available assets there will not be an Armed Forces parade in Glasgow on the day (24 June). There will, however, be a series of events running through the week to celebrate the Armed Forces. These will include the annual Armed Forces Flag Raising ceremony in George Square on Monday 19 June at 10:30 am, in addition to the signing of a strengthened Armed Forces Covenant on Saturday 24 June 2017.

Following the signing of the Covenant there will be an invitation-only civic reception, to which members of the Armed Forces and supporting organisations have been invited. Any members of the Armed Forces wishing to attend should seek approval from their unit.

You may also wish to note Military Commanders were unable to support the event with serving personnel this year. All Armed Forces Day activity is always subject to the local commander's discretion.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Duty to provide advice and assistance) I can advise that the city of Liverpool will host Armed Forces Day this year. Further advice can be found at the following link.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=21311>

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, Zone D, 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.

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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,

Defence People Secretariat