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Dear _____,

Thank you for your e-mail of 21 March requesting the following information:

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 1) Any guidance or instructions regarding script/story content issued by the MOD to communications staff who are reviewing films/TV shows/other screen products who wish to film on MOD military properties. For example, you previously released documents to me confirming that the producers of Wonder Woman filmed at an MOD facility and that as part of the application the film-makers had to outline the content of the scenes they would be shooting so the MOD could review them. I am looking for any records governing this process.
- 2) Likewise, any guidance or instructions regarding script/story content issued by the MOD to Landmarc who are reviewing films/TV shows/other screen products who wish to film on MOD non-military properties. You previously released documents to me confirming that over 200 such products had filmed on MOD non-military properties under Landmarc's care, and that as part of the application the film-makers had to outline the content of the scenes they would be shooting so the MOD could review them. I am looking for any records governing this process.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

I must inform you that your request is exempt entirely under Section 21 of the FOI Act, as the information is reasonably accessible to you by other means. As this is an absolute exemption it does not require a Public Interest Test to be conducted. Information on the process regarding MOD involvement in non-news media projects is contained in Joint Service Publication (JSP) 579. This is published on the gov.uk website and can be accessed via the following link https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/policy-and-processes-for-non-news-media-projects-jsp-579.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

DDC Secretariat Parliamentary