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Dear ,

Thank you for your e-mail of 5 March 2019 requesting the following information:

"I am aware that the Ministry of Defence conducts private opinion polling on public views of the armed forces and army.

I would like any opinion polling work carried out on the public's view of the invasion of Iraq 2002-11 and the the public's view of Britain's deployment to Helmand and in Afghanistan in 2004-14."

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

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence does not hold the information within the scope of your request.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, I would like to advise you that the Ministry of Defence has previously published surveys regarding the reputation of UK Armed Forces from

March 2011 to the summer of 2017 which you may find informative. These surveys can be found at the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-opinion-surveys#history.

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, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.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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Yours sincerely,

DDC Secretariat Parliamentary