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By E-mail to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 June 2019 requesting the following information:

*Please could you let me know how the military vehicle spare parts are released, are the all sent to Brightwells for auction, if so must all spares go into the auction or can the spares be sold to other third parties pre auction on desertion of the auctioneer?
I have not seen many spares coming into the auctions over the last few months.*

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 (MOD), and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

The Defence Equipment Sales Authority (DESA) has the responsibility for disposing of vehicle spare parts through the most economical, safe and environmentally efficient routes. DESA is the sole authority within the MOD for the sale of surplus military equipment and inventory including vehicle spare parts from the UK armed forces. Under this responsibility, vehicle spare parts are either sold through 'Brightwells' who are a specialist contractor, as a serviceable spare part or disposed as waste through European Metal Recycling. Any spare parts sold by Brightwells are sold at Auction only and no spare parts are sold pre-auction to third parties.

DESA recently undertook a review on the value for money to the tax payer from the sale of surplus spare parts against environmental, safety and security concerns resulting from the sale of surplus spare parts to the general public. The result of this review has showed that more spare parts are now disposed as waste to ensure that the UK MOD is protected against environmental, safety and security risks.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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