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By E-mail to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 June 2019 requesting the following information:

*Please could you let me know why the sale of vehicle spares has been suspended.*

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

The information you have requested can be found below.

We can confirm that there is no suspension on the sale of vehicle spares.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Defence Equipment Sales Authority (DESA) who 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, has the responsibility to ensure that the disposal of vehicle spare parts is managed via the most economical, safe and environmentally efficient means. As part of a recent 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, it was noticed that a greater number of spare parts are now being 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.

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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