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Via:

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 requesting the following information:

*I am writing to politely request information on the following systems added to MoD vehicles and what statistics are available to the public:*

- a. Trimble
- b. Telematics

*The information requested is as follows:*

*Trimble*

- a. *The total cost, to date, of Trimble systems being added to MoD vehicles?*
- b. *What statistics are available on how Trimble has reduced accidents, saved money for the MoD and what evidence is there of the benefits of Trimble being added? This could be provided for the last 5 years.*

*Telematics*

- a. *What are the total costs, to date, of Telematics procurement and being fitted to MoD vehicles which replaced Trimble?*
- b. *Are any statistics available on its use in the last 12 months?*

*Your support in this matter would be most appreciated. This information has been requested to conduct an analysis project.*

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

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

The information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information regarding Trimble falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 21 (Information Readily Accessible to Applicant By Other Means) of the FOIA and has been withheld. This information was released under FOI2017/02142 and can be found at the following link:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/615456/2017-02142.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/615456/2017-02142.pdf)

Trimble is now out of service.

With regards to your questions on telematics, the Phoenix II contract provides for the lease, spot hire and management of a large proportion of the administrative vehicle fleet. These vehicles are fitted with telematics to inform business efficiencies around fleet position, usage and potential reductions. The vehicles are leased or hired with telematics provided as part of the service; therefore it is not possible to break out the cost per telematics installation as it is a part of a managed service.

Once fitted to a vehicle, the telematics installation is in continuous operation recording a multitude of different vehicle and operational parameters. This information is made available to users of the Phoenix II Fleet Information Management System to aid in day to day management of the vehicle fleet as well as continuous improvement of Phoenix II service.

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](mailto: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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