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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 October 2019 requesting the following information:

With reference to FOI2019/06539

According to Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Minister for Defence Procurement)

**" Vehicle spares not subject to Special control are still being sold through Brightwells;"
Date: 22/08/2019**

Can DE&S confirm that all vehicles parts are still being sent for disposal and not being sold via any other party other than Brightwells who are not selling any parts? As Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP department have been informed that they should be?

What is the state of this as we have had two different answers that do not match?

What disposal contact has the contact for securely disposing of the parts that are not "subject to Special control" as stated in : FOI2019/06539 ?

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

The Defence Equipment Sales Authority (DESA) is the sole authority within the MOD for the sale of surplus military equipment and inventory. This includes vehicles and vehicle spare parts from the UK Armed Forces. DESA has the responsibility for disposing of vehicle spare parts through the most economical, safe and environmentally efficient routes. Under this responsibility, vehicle spares, which are not subject to Assets Subject to Special Control (ASSC), are sold through Brightwells, which is the specialist vehicle contractor, or disposed of as waste through European Metal Recycling (EMR) which is another of the MOD approved contractors.

ASSC is a term that refers to all defence assets or articles, including technical data and information, that are controlled under a particular policy or regime and there are some circumstances where spares that

are subject ASSC, may be sold back to the original equipment manufacturer, sold to another Government Department or sold via Brightwells. In these instances, any asset where the spare part is sold publicly will have their restrictions clearly indicated at time of sale. Alternatively, these spare parts may also be disposed of as waste through European Metal Recycling.

As stated above, European Metal Recycling is the specialist contractors used by the MOD for securely disposing of the parts that are not ASSC.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to know that prior to any item being declared to the contractor, DESA will undertake a check to establish if there are any restrictions including those Assets Subject to Special Control. Assets subject to special controls fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Foreign Controlled technology with restrictions on resale
- Restrictions within their Contract Terms & Conditions
- Security Reasons
- Sensitivity Reasons

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Yours sincerely,

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