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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 11 September 2019 requesting the following information:

***“As a company servicing the entire United Kingdom, we are keen to ascertain what happens to all types of transport vehicles from all Forces Departments (Army, Navy & Air) to include cars, jeeps, trucks, tanks, aeroplanes, ships and much more when they are retired and no longer needed.***

***I am also keen to find out what happens to all surplus to requirement items from all forces to include lands and property.***

***If all of the above are sold how is a sales agent appointed in each case?”***

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.

The Defence Equipment Sales Authority (DESA) is responsible for the disposal of surplus equipment for the Ministry of Defence. Further information on DESA contracts can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/defence-equipment-sales-authority>

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The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) is responsible for the disposal of surplus land and property.

Once a site is declared surplus to Defence purposes it is placed on the cross-Government database managed by the Office of Government Property (OGP) within the Cabinet Office. This database provides an opportunity for other public bodies including local authorities to express an interest in acquiring sites before they are placed on the open market. Sites stay on the data base for 40 working days.

Treasury guidelines state that transactions such as sales between Departments should generally be at full market value even if transferred to other public sector bodies (including publicly sponsored housing associations).

If no other government department expresses an interest in a site, it is sold in a way which achieves best value for the taxpayer. This is usually via the open market.

Sales Agents are appointed via a competitive tender process via the Crown Commercial Services Framework Agreement.

DIO has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Homes England which allows us to appoint them as the Sales Agent for surplus sites.

For your information I would also like to make you aware of the following link to the MOD's Contracts website (for MOD contractor registration and opportunities notices) that you may find useful:

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk/opportunities/>

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.

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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