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Ms

[REDACTED]  
Thank you for your email of 19 February 2020 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about Spend Data.

You requested the following information:

*"Thank you for publishing your spend data here:*

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fmod-spending-over-25000-january-to-december-2019&data=02%7C01%7Ccio-foi%40mod.gov.uk%7Ce02fb7b831fa45c922a508d7b5153afc%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C1%7C637176975099909087&sdata=GrwWj%2BPpFeMTOpFi8yL4UnXzfYY8celH49UpeRiNnsg%3D&reserved=0>. *However, I notice that you haven't published any spending data since October 2019.*

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*I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information act for all transactions over £25,000 from November 2019 to a month in arrears from the date at which you publish in response to this request.*

*Please provide the data in a machine readable format (preferably csv). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.*

*Your team may also be interested in the guidance on producing spending data:*

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fguidance-for-publishing-spend-over-25000&data=02%7C01%7Ccio-foi%40mod.gov.uk%7Ce02fb7b831fa45c922a508d7b5153afc%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C1%7C637176975099909087&sdata=Jc8ElmZN%2FdHiLNZL82sEm5MhYL5adj2NEM1HKv9z5Ac%3D&reserved=0>."

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

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A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm all the information in scope of your request is held. However, the information you have requested falls entirely within the scope of an absolute exemption under Section 21 of the FOIA as it is reasonably accessible by other means. As Section 21 is an absolute exemption, there is no requirement to consider the public interest in making the decision to withhold the information.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may be interested to know the Department's published figures on MOD spending over £25,000, January to December 2019, can be found at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-spending-over-25000-january-to-december-2019>

Please note, once you open the links for each month, if you go to the bottom of each page there is a slide bar that allows you to scroll across to see all the data within scope of your request.

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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