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Our Reference:
FOI2020/11418
Date:
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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing about your email of 13 October 2020, requesting the following information:

'I would be grateful if you could please supply any information you hold regarding a Land Rover Defender TUL(HS) vehicle you recently disposed of. The ERM is LS97AA. Could you please include any details from the Merlin system and any other subsequent source i.e. the JAMES system. I have checked your previously released Merlin disclosures but they hold minimal information on this vehicle'

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search has been carried out of Ministry of Defence (MOD) records and it is confirmed that some information is held that can be released. This is enclosed, as follows:

Annex A - Ownership History
Annex B - Fault History (redacted)
Annex C - Inspection History
Annex D - Modifications History (redacted)
Annex E - Servicing History

However, it has proved necessary to withhold some information related to your request. This is some of the Fault History (Annex B) and Modifications History (Annex D) relating to contractor repair times, which has been withheld under qualified exemption Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests) of the FOI Act. Some information in the Fault History (Annex B) relating to vehicle modifications has also been withheld under qualified exemption Section 26(1)(a) and (b) (Defence) and Section 38(1)(a) and (b) (Health and Safety).

Section 43 applies to information which if disclosed would or would likely; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including defence contractors and the public authority holding it). Section 26 concerns information that if disclosed would or would likely; prejudice the defence of the British Islands or any colony; and/or the capability, effectiveness or security of the Armed Forces of the Crown or any forces cooperating with them. Section 38 applies to information that if disclosed would or would likely; endanger the physical or mental health of any individual; or endanger the safety of any individual.

As all three exemptions are qualified, it was necessary to undertake a Public Interest Test to determine whether the balance for withholding the information outweighs that for disclosure.

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General arguments in favour of release were that full disclosure would demonstrate the MOD's commitment to openness and transparency; and make the UK Government more accountable to the electorate. The FOI Act also contains a presumption for release.

However, the Fault History (Annex B) and Modification History (Annex D) provide details of the time taken by MOD contractors to rectify fault reports. This data, along with previously published information, could be used to make reasonable assumptions about hourly labour rates. As market sensitive information, this could then be exploited by commercial competitors to undercut the contractor when bidding for similar work. Also, releasing the details of vehicle equipment repairs in the Fault History (Annex B), would divulge information that could be used to compromise the ability of UK Armed Forces to carry out operations safely. Namely, by revealing information about vehicle modifications which could assist adversaries to plan attacks against equipment and endanger the lives of personnel.

Given the arguments described above, on balance, it was determined that the information should be withheld. The level of prejudice against release of this exempted information has been set at the higher level of "would" rather than "would be likely to".

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

DE&S Secretariat

VEHICLE DETAILS

ERM	NATO Stock Number	Asset Code	Contract Number	Description	Colour
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
LS97AA	2320998939742	NB42253100	LV2A/088DUM	TRUCK UTY LIGHT (TUL) (HS) 4X4 LAND ROVER FFR HARD TOP 2.5 LTR TURBO DSL (WITH EEGR)	Army/NATO Green IRR

Date In Service	Chassis Number	Engine No.	Cast	Cast Date
(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
26/03/1998	SALLDAA67WA142334	25L05561B		

VEHICLE HISTORY

ERM	Key No.	RIV Date	UIN	Unit Title	RIV No.	RCP No.	RCP Date	Batch
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
LS97AA	3		CA005A	JSCS ASHCHURCH		33157AA	26/03/1998	
LS97AA	2	11/05/1998	A3723A	9 TLR RLC	39070A	2606	03/06/1998	
LS97AA		31/03/2020	D1832A	OSVP HOLDINGS			31/03/2020	

Work Objects														
Serial Number:	LS97AA													
NSN:	2320998939742													
Criteria:														
Repair Level:	ALL													
Work Object Status:	Closed													
Mission Impact:	ALL													
Fault State:	ALL													
Escalate Work:	ALL													
Work Request ID:														
Assigned Work Status:	ALL													
Working Organisation:														
Repair Section:														
Modification Event ID	Modification Number	Modification Description	Work Request ID	Escalate Work	Production Classification/In Service Classification	Modification Type	Apply When Usage Equ	Embodied by Target Date	Usage Counter Units	Fault State	Work Status	Repair Level	Working Organisation	Repair Section
000000-006926F2	00046	FITTING OF WHEEL NUT INDICATORS TO LAND ROVER HS PLATFORMS		No	1/A	Mod				Non-Taskworthy	CL	Level 2		
000000-0062A216	00039	TUM (HS) REMJUS 1- SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAMME	000000-003227C0	No	-/-	RTI				Fully Fit	CL	Level 2	9 REGT RLC LAD	ADAPTIVE SFS
000000-0062A1EB	00037	Fitting Glow Plug Timer Interface Harness		No	-/-	UTI				Fully Fit	CL	Level 2		
000000-00000B1A	00037	Fitting Glow Plug Timer Interface Harness		No	-/-	UTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-00012F5A	00019	Blackout Cover for Warning Light Panel		No	-/-	UTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-000122F0	00025	Fitting of Spare Wheel Lifting Aid Harness		No	1/A	UTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-00019470	00027	Input/Output Porthole for Communication Cables Cover Modification		No	-/-	UTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-00000680	00035	Fitting of Emergency Hammer		No	1/A	UTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-0000A9DF	00001	Radio Rack Fixings		No	-/-	RTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-00024E75	00024	Fitting of Trailer Breakaway Attachment Plate		No	-/-	UTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-0001A230	00030	Front Belt Protection Sleeves		No	1/A	UTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-0000C008	00012	Fitting Radio Frequency Radiated Hazard (RADHAZ) Protection Kit		No	1/A	RTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-0000B386	00008	Input / Output Porthole for Comms / Power Cable Installation		No	-/-	RTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-000090D0	00003	Heil-lift Vehicle Modification (Hard Top Only)		No	-/-	RTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-00018FB0	00017	Introduction of Battery Retention		No	1/A	UTI				Fully Fit	CL			
000000-000215AC	00006	Fitting of Spare Wheel Tyre Inflation Valve Extension		No	-/-	RTI				Fully Fit	CL			

Work Objects											
Serial Number:	LS97AA										
NSN:	232098929742										
Criteria:											
Repair Level:	ALL										
Work Object Status:	Closed										
Mission Impact:	ALL										
Fault State:	ALL										
Escalate Work:	ALL										
Work Request ID:											
Assigned Work Status:	ALL										
Working Organisation:											
Repair Section:											
Maintenance Event ID	Work Request ID	Escalate Work	Maintenance Event Name	Next Due Date	Repair Level	Fault State	Work Status	Estimated Repair Time	Working Organisation	Repair Section	
000000-0026571E	No	No	OOPS 2 Yearly/20000 Kms Drain Engine Oil And Filter Change	27 Feb 2021	Level 1	Non-Taskworthy	CL	00:00			
000000-0040144A	No	No	Yearly/20000 Kms	19 Nov 2020	Level 1	Non-Taskworthy	CL	00:00			
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