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Our Reference:
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Email: [REDACTED]

Date:
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 6 December 2020 requesting the following information:

"Please let me know if vehicle spare parts will be sold through Brightwells or others in the near future, if not when, if not at all, please could give me the reasons why not."

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.

Vehicle spares are, and will be, released to the commercial market through Brightwells. A small quantity of spares has recently been released and it is anticipated, but not guaranteed, that there will be a number of other platform spares declared across the first six months of 2021.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to note that the volume and types of spares declared for disposal through the commercial market has decreased significantly over the last two years. This is due to the MOD seeking to retain its spares inventory in order to maintain vehicle fleet availability. This change in approach has resulted in a reduction in the number and types of spares declared to the commercial

market. It is anticipated that in the future the spares declared for sale through Brightwells will be focused around platforms that are being completely retired from frontline use.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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