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Dear

A response was sent further to your two emails of 18 November 2020, requesting the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

A list of the vehicles operated by the department or its agencies including

- make and model (inc. year) OR if not available, the vehicle type (i.e. van, car etc.)
- 2. engine and fuel type
- 3. emissions class (i.e. ultra-low emissions)
- 4. purchase date.
- 5. The agency of unit which operates the vehicle

Please exclude from the response vehicles used in military operations or otherwise by the UK military. This request relates only to civilian vehicles. Please include as much of this information as is available.

If it is not possible to compile a full list, for whatever reason, I would consider a breakdown of all the vehicles by points (2) and (3) to fulfil the request.

If you are encountering practical difficulties with complying with this request, please contact me as soon as possible (in line with your section 16 duty to advise and assist requesters) so that we can discuss the matter and if necessary, I can modify the request.

Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file.

Following the response to the above request you replied on 14th January 2021 asking:

I wanted to clarify whether you would class any of these vehicles as 'specialist' vehicles (the light commercial vehicles for example)? I ask in reference to government targets for central government departments to transition to using ultra low emissions vehicles laid out in the Road to Zero in 2018. 'Specialist' vehicles are excluded from

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the target and I am conscious that there is a significant possibility that vehicles used by the MoD are specialist.

Perhaps I could limit it to just certain categories of vehicle, such as Car or Van?

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and information in scope of your request is held.

I can confirm that the information you were given did incorporate specialist vehicles including:

- Ministry of Defence Police
- Fire
- Ambulance / Patient Carrier
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- Mountain Rescue Teams
- Service Police

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that reducing the scope of your request to "car or van" would still not bring it within the appropriate limit to allow a response because this information is not held centrally as previously advised.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

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