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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 16 February 2021 requesting the following information:

“Thank you for responding to FOI2021/00475 on 9 February 2021. In that response, you referred to Tranche 1 (Sales Agreement 10), Tranche 2 (Sales Agreement 11) and Tranche 3 (Sales Agreement 12), listing the dates on which invoices were paid by BAE Systems for Tornado spares required by the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF).

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you (a) disclose the same information for Sales Agreements 1 to 9, and from 13 until the end of this series of agreements?

For each case, please specify (b) what the sales agreement was for e.g. Tornado spares for RSAF, (c) clearly stating the end user, and (d) where possible the amount of stock sold in each agreement e.g. 100 Tornado spares.

Moreover, if it would not exceed the cost limit, please can you also (e) disclose how many items of surplus MOD stock have been released to BAE Systems to satisfy the spares and repair requirement of the RSAF since March 2015, and (f) provide a breakdown of those items if possible.”

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 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.

(a) Information for other sales agreements:

Sales Agreement number	Date invoice paid
SA1	29/01/2018
SA2	13/03/2018
SA3	30/04/2018
SA4	19/07/2018
SA5	01/08/2018
SA6	05/10/2018
SA7	19/10/2018
SA8	04/12/2018
SA9	21/12/2018
SA13	01/04/2020
SA14	21/08/2020
SA15	19/10/2020
SA16	22/12/2020

(b) and (c):

All of the above Sales Agreements were for Tornado spares for the RSAF as the end user.

(d) The amount of stock sold in each agreement is, as follows:

Sales Agreement number	No. of line items
SA1	58
SA2	21
SA3	28
SA4	45
SA5	78
SA6	116
SA7	88
SA8	61
SA9	31
SA13	37
SA14	51
SA15	35
SA16	69

(e) A total of 2,295 lines items of surplus Tornado spares stock have been released to BAE Systems to satisfy the spares and repair requirements of the RSAF since March 2015.

(f) the breakdown of the items at (e) above is:

Year	No. of line items
2015	321
2016	338
2017	341
2018	731
2019	336
2020	228

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that Tornado spares transferred to Saudi Arabia have been previously reported within the UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report based on line items and to avoid confusion we have also used line items within this response.

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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