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Our Reference:  
FOI2021/02939  
Date:  
23 March 2021

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Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing about your email of 16 March 2021, requesting the following information:

*Please may I have any available info/records For Land Rover 110 Tithonus, vin no SALLDHAC7LA938442*

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 information in scope of your request is held. This is attached, as follows:

Annex A - Fault History (redacted)  
Annex B – Inspection History  
Annex C - Modification History  
Annex D – Service History

It has proved necessary to withhold information related to your request. This is commercially sensitive information in the Fault History (Annex B), relating to contractor repair times, and has been withheld under qualified exemption Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests).

Section 43 concerns information which if disclosed would or would likely prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including defence contractors and the public authority holding it).

As the exemption is qualified, it was necessary to undertake a Public Interest Test to determine whether the balance for withholding the information outweighs that for disclosure. 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, reporting the time taken by MOD contractors to rectify fault reports could be used, along with already published contractor information, to reveal market sensitive information, such as hourly labour rates, that would likely allow the company's competitors to exploit when bidding for similar work.

Given the arguments described above, on balance, it was determined that the information should be withheld under Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests). 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".

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However, the information about your vehicle history has previously been published and Section 21(1) of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if it is reasonably available by other means. The Merlin archive was released as part of a previous FOI request and can be accessed at the Government publications website, at the following:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing-09-july-2018>

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, I can advise you that the Merlin database in the above link is split into seven spreadsheets. The first has a list of vehicles, while sheets two through seven include the service histories. To search for a vehicle, you must press Ctrl + F on your computer keyboard, then select 'Options' and then select 'Workbook' from the 'Within' drop down list. Information relevant to your request can be found by typing the vehicle registration number (37KL96) and pressing 'enter'.

You may wish to note that when the Merlin database was archived into its current format some data may have been lost or corrupted. You should, therefore, be cautious that some of the data may be inaccurate.

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 Policy Secretariat Asst Hd

Work Objects

Serial Number: 37KL96  
 NSN: 2320998937004

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:

Fault ID	Work Request ID	Fault Description	Work Status	Fault State	Escalate Work	Repair Level	Batch Fault Group ID	Fault Occurrence Date	Mission Impact	Reason For Work	Level 3 Description	Working Organisation	Repair Section	Estimated Repair Time
000000-006B18D1		CARRY OUT BEAM TEST IAW AESP 601	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		24 Jun 2011	N/A	Inspection	TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-006B18CD		CARRY OUT BRAKE TEST IAW AESP 601	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		24 Jun 2011	N/A	Inspection	TUM GS SOFT TOP			000:00
000000-006B18CB		CARRY OUT 6 MONTHLY SMOKE TEST IAW AESP 601	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		24 Jun 2011	N/A	Inspection	TUM GS SOFT TOP			000:00
000000-006B18C5		CARRY OUT AF 6534 INSPECTION	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		24 Jun 2011	N/A	Inspection	TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-006B18C2		CARRY OUT 6 MONTHLY SERVICING IAW AESP 601	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		24 Jun 2011	N/A	Inspection	TUM GS SOFT TOP			000:00
000000-006B0150		Insp Steering Drop Arm Tab Washer	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2	000000-000002EB	22 Jun 2011	N/A	Inspection	TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-006ADD38		Insp Steering Drop Arm Tab Washer	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2	000000-0000028D	22 Jun 2011	N/A	Inspection	TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-005EBF7B		INVESTIGATE LEAKING FUEL TANK	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 3		29 Mar 2011	N/A	Failure	TUM GS SOFT TOP			000:00
000000-005B09D2		CARRY OUT BEAM TEST IAW AESP 601	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 3		03 Nov 2010	N/A	Failure	TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-005B09CF		CARRY OUT BRAKE TEST IAW AESP 601	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 3		03 Nov 2010	N/A	Failure	TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-005B09CD		CARRY OUT SMOKE TEST IAW AESP 601	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 3		03 Nov 2010	N/A	Failure	TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-005B09CC		CARRY OUT ANNUAL MEI IAW AESP 601	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 3		03 Nov 2010	N/A	Failure	TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-005D0F62		CARRY OUT ANNUAL SERVICE	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		13 Jan 2011	N/A	Servicing	TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-00492F8C	000000-0029CD9B	CARRY OUT MEI IAW AESP	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		03 Nov 2009			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-00524FD4	000000-002B93FE	CARRY OUT RBT SMOKE AND BEAM TEST	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		24 Jun 2010			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-0048EF61	000000-0029C346	CARRY OUT 2 YEARLY SERVICING IN ACC WITH TABLE 7	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 3		27 Oct 2009			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-0048EF65	000000-0029C346	CARRY OUT TABLE 5 OOP MAINTENANCE - OIL REPLENISHMENT	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 3		27 Oct 2009			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-0048EF80	000000-0029C34C	CARRY OUT SMOKE, BRAKE AND BEAM TEST	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 3		27 Oct 2009			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-005109A8	000000-002B5903	CARRY OUT 6 MONTHLY SERVICE IAW AESP 601	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 3		28 May 2010			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-005109AB	000000-002B5903	CARRY OUT TABLE 5 OOP MAINTENANCE 5 YR GEARBOX OIL CHANGE	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 3		28 May 2010			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-00481380	000000-00299593	RECONDITION ALTERNATOR DRS	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		30 Sep 2009			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-00480F0E	000000-00299492	RECTIFY HIGH /LOW RATIO SATUCK IN LOW	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		30 Sep 2009			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-0046E8F0	000000-00295C03	CARRY OUT 6 MONTHLY INSPECTION 6534	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 3		24 Aug 2009			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-0046E8EF	000000-00295C03	CARRY OUT 6 MONTHLY SERVICING	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 3		24 Aug 2009			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-00463C10	000000-0029491B	OIL LEAK AT TRANSFER BOX	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2	4/MT/09/09	30 Jul 2009			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-002FF188		OIL LEAK FROM ENGINE	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		30 Aug 2008			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-002FF084		Initial Usage	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 1		10 Nov 2008			TUM GS SOFT TOP			
000000-002FF0FC		Initial Maintenance	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 1		10 Nov 2008			TUM GS SOFT TOP			

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 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
000000-0016C400		No	6 Monthly 6534 Insp	03 Jan 2012	Level 1			000:00		
000000-00111B08		No	MEI (2)	12 Jan 2012	Level 2			000:00		
000000-000C743A		No	MEI (2)	12 Jan 2012	Level 2		CL	000:00		
000000-00169057		No	6 Monthly 6534 Insp	03 Jan 2012	Level 1			000:00		
000000-0002EB53		No	MEI (2)	12 Jan 2012	Level 2		CL	000:00		

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Modification Event ID	Modification Number	Modification Description	Work Request ID	Escalate Work	Production Classification/In Service Classification	Modification Type	Apply When Usage Equals	Embody by Target Date	Usage Counter Units	Fault State	Work Status	Repair Level	Working Organisation	Repair Section	Estimated Repair Time
000000-0001583D	00026	Wheel Rim Change		No	-/	RTI				Fully Fit	CL				

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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
000000-00111B6A		No	Yearly/20000 Kms	12 Jan 2012	Level 1			000:00		
000000-00117079		No	80000 Kms (2)	08 Mar 2031	Level 1			000:00		
000000-0011706D		No	36000 Kms (2)	07 Jun 2025	Level 2			000:00		
000000-0016C405		No	6 Monthly/10000 Kms	03 Jan 2012	Level 1			000:00		
000000-00111B6B		No	6 Monthly/10000 Kms	03 Jan 2012	Level 1			000:00		
000000-0001EAAA		No	6 Monthly/10000 Kms	03 Jan 2012	Level 1		CL	000:00		
000000-00033251		No	2 Yearly/40000 Kms	11 Dec 2011	Level 1		CL	000:00		
000000-0003C8C8		No	Yearly/20000 Kms	12 Jan 2012	Level 1		CL	000:00		
000000-000FAE50		No	6 Monthly/10000 Kms	03 Jan 2012	Level 1		CL	000:00		
000000-000BB406		No	6 Monthly/10000 Kms	03 Jan 2012	Level 1		CL	000:00		
000000-0000699C		No	6 Monthly/10000 Kms	03 Jan 2012	Level 1		CL	000:00		
000000-0000975E		No	Yearly/20000 Kms	12 Jan 2012	Level 1		CL	000:00		