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Our Reference:
FOI2021/03469
Date:
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Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing about your email of 27 March 2021, requesting the following information:

I have recently purchased an ex military Land Rover Pulse Ambulance VRN: LB 26 AA

I submit a FOI request for the following information...

- 1) vehicle military service history, units, service as contained within MERLIN.*
- 2) Maintenance records/work and upgrades associated to the vehicle.*

Vehicle registration. LB 26 AA

Description. AMB Battlefield HS Stretcher 4x4 Vin number. SALLDCA67VA136877

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 - Ownership History

Annex B - Fault History (redacted)

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

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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".

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 2 Asst Hd

VEHICLE DETAILS

ERM	NATO Stock Number	Asset Code	Contract Number	Description	Colour
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
LB26AA	2310998939971	NB10473101	LV2B/179	AMB BATTLE FIELD (HS) 4 STRETCHER 4X4 LAND ROVER 2.5LTR TURBO DSL WITH EEGR	Army/NATO Green IRR

Date In Service	Chassis Number	Engine No.	Cast	Cast Date
(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
17/06/1998	SALLDCA67VA136877	25L04657B		

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)
LB26AA	3		CA005A	JSCS ASHCHURCH		35403AA	17/06/1998	
LB26AA	3		CC171L	ROZONE LIMITED		3525	12/11/2009	
LB26AA	2	12/11/2009	A3086A	7 AIR ASSAULT BN REME	18323	91507	20/11/2009	A56
LB26AA		17/01/2011	A6052A	3 R ANGLIAN			17/01/2011	
LB26AA		21/08/2014	A1990A	DSG COLCHESTER			21/08/2014	
LB26AA		08/09/2014	A6052A	3 R ANGLIAN			08/09/2014	
LB26AA		23/07/2015	Z0003Z	DMC (TFR)			23/07/2015	

Work Objects

Serial Number: LB26AA
 NSN: 2310998939971

Criteria:
 Repair Level: ALL
 Work Object Status: Open
 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 Number	Fault Occurrence Date	Mission Impact	Reason For Work	Level 3 Description	Working Organisation	Repair Section	Estimated Repair Time
000000-0087BA6D		RENEW SEDIMENTOR DRAIN PLUG	Carried Work	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		05 Mar 2015	N/A	Failure	AMBULANCE LR HS			
000000-00881B78		VEH CAST	Carried Work	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 4		19 Mar 2015	N/A	CAST	AMBULANCE LR HS			
000000-00B1EED9		SNvE 377 - SWIVEL HOUSING	Awaiting Labour	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 1	000000-0000697A	29 Mar 2019	N/A	Inspection	AMBULANCE LR HS			
000000-00B21ADB		SNvE377 - SWIVEL HOUSING	Awaiting Labour	Fully Fit	No	Level 1	000000-0000697B	29 Mar 2019	N/A	Inspection	AMBULANCE LR HS			