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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 6 April 2021 requesting the following information:

**"Would it be possible to help me with a query that I have regarding the Trimble or other such device fitted to our work van's. I work as a driver at DCS in RAF Northolt. Is the Trimble a device in which it can be used to work out the driver's hours break's and working period's and any such overtime? Or is it for use in the management of the vehicle and driver's performance?"**

Your correspondence is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has identified that information falling within the scope of your requests is held by the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

The primary MOD purpose for telematics units, such as the Trimble, is to monitor vehicle utilisation and the overall size and composition of the fleet of vehicles at MOD sites, including at RAF Northolt. The equipment can monitor a variety of vehicle statistics, such as individual speeds travelled, harsh accelerating and breaking, and routes taken. However, telematics units are not currently used to monitor individual driver working patterns, including breaks or hours worked.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely



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