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Dear XXX

I am writing about your email of 22 November 2021, requesting the following information:

'I am requesting the *latest* version of the *complete* chapter 13 ("ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS") of AESP 2320-D-128-302.

Also I kindly ask you to use a high resolution (300dpi or higher) scan, as well as coloured scanning, as this chapter contains detailed, coloured circuit diagrams, which easily tend become unreadable with lower resolution, grey scale or even black/white scanning.'

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

The information you have requested falls partially within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 21 (Information Reasonably Accessible to the Applicant by Other Means) and partially within the qualified exemptions provided for at section 26(1) (Defence) and section 38(1) (a) and (b) (Health and Safety) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Sections 26 and 38 are qualified exemptions and subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Section 26(1)(b) has been applied to some of the information because it contains details which are operationally sensitive and would prejudice the capability and effectiveness of our armed forces. This particular AESP covers vehicles, including specialised vehicles, which will remain in service until the 2030s. Section 38(1) (a) and (b) applies to information that if disclosed would, or would likely; endanger the physical or mental health of any individual; or endanger the safety of any individual. The balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding the information given that, overall, the public interest is best served in not releasing any details that would prejudice the security and safety of UK personnel and which would provide tactical advantage to our enemies and for these reasons I have set the

level of prejudice against release of the exempted information at the higher level of “would” rather than “would be likely to”.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the section that can be released has already been published and can be found at the following link:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/434150/response/1063288/attach/3/20171103%20FOI09738%20WDTK%20Hecklesmuller%20AESP%202320%20D%20128%20302%20Wiring%20Dia%20C%20O.pdf?cookie_passthrough=1

I can confirm that the information accessible at the above link is still up-to-date.

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 Secretariat