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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 September 2021 requesting the following information:

“could you please tell me how many tons of textiles are sold to field textiles each year?”

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

The MOD does not sell the textiles to Field Textiles. Instead, the contract allows for income generation for both the MOD and Field Textiles through the re-sale of the surplus clothing.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that surplus clothing is declared to the Defence Equipment Sales Authority by MOD Units/Sites. Field Textiles are then tasked with the collection. Once at their premises, Field Textiles sort & grade the clothing, with the expectation that the items can be re-sold. Currently, there is no requirement in the contract to track declared surplus clothing by weight.

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

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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

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