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Our Reference:
FOI2022/02810
Date:
29 March 2022

Dear xxxx,

I am writing about your email of 1 March 2022, requesting the following information:

'I have recently purchased an ex -military Land Rover 110 and I am looking for any information you could provide regarding it's service life with the British Army/NATO/MOD.'

Below I have provided as many details as I can on the vehicle:

**Land Rover 110
Right Hand Drive
"Tithonus" - Received Life Extension Program Upgrade
Original MFR Year- 1993
MOD Reg- 29 KL 60
Civilian Reg- L676 DUE
VIN/Chassis Number- SALLDHAC7LA936431
Engine Plate Number- 12J292720**

Any information you are able to release to me would be warmly appreciated.'

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

A search has been carried out of Ministry of Defence (MOD) records and it is confirmed that some information is held on your vehicle that can be released. The information is contained within the annexes listed below. Please note that due to a reprographic technical issue we are unable to issue the scanned documents with the response, but these will follow separately as soon as the issue is resolved.

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

It has proved necessary to withhold some information in accordance with a qualified exemption of the FOI Act. Commercially sensitive information in the Fault History (Annex E) relates to contractor repair times, which have been withheld under qualified exemption Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests). Section 43 concerns information which if disclosed would or would likely prejudice the

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commercial interests of any person (including defence contractors and the public authority holding it).

As this 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, the Fault History provides details of the time taken by MOD contractors to rectify fault reports for the vehicle concerned. This data, along with previously published information, could be used to make reasonable assumptions about hourly labour rates. As market sensitive information, this could then be exploited by commercial competitors to undercut the contractor when bidding for similar work.

Given the arguments described above, on balance, it was determined that the information should be withheld. 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".

In addition, information about your vehicle has previously been published; Section 21(1) of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if it 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 link:

[FOI responses published by MOD: week commencing 9 July 2018 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Under Section 16 of the Act (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 military vehicle registration number and pressing 'enter'. For ease of reference, the published information concerning your vehicle is available from the first attachment 'Merlin 2.0 Attachment 1' at row 74196, and the third attachment 'Merlin 2.0 Attachment 3' at rows 105050 – 105063.

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 Secretariat

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Equipment Transfer History

Report Date: 03 Mar 2022

Start Date End Date

Equipment Description

ERM/Ser No.

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Custodian Unit

Holding Unit

Transfer Reason	Transferred By	Transfer Date/Time	Transfer Comments	Receipt Reason	Received By	Receipt Date/Time	Receipt Custodian Unit	Receipt Holding Unit	DaysHeld
Equipment Record Creation		25 Mar 2009 15:05	Initial Creation	Automatic Receipt	Automatic	25 Mar 2009 15:05			4725

Work Objects										
Serial Number:	29KL60									
NSN:	2320998938119									
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:										
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
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000000-000C098D		No	MEI (2)	18 Mar 2011	Level 2		CL	000:00		
000000-0004518F		No	MEI (2)	18 Mar 2011	Level 2		CL	000:00		

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000000-00007330		No	36000 Kms (2)	16 Dec 2026	Level 2		CL	000:00			
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