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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing about your email of 20 January 2021, requesting the following information:

'I have recently acquired the above vehicle and would like to know how I can acquire:

- **The MoD / Army operating manual for the vehicle**
- **Any history i.e. units and where used.**
- **Any maintenance logs**

I believe this was one of c. 11 Td5's purchased by the MoD. The Land Rover Special Vehicles plate shows contract 24763, dated 13 March 2002. The chassis number is 631798. Originally gloss red, the vehicle has sand (maybe as a primer?), then NATO green paint.

The vehicle is marked with unit insignia on the front doors depicting a bird of prey on a gauntleted fist and the key fob is for 1 Air Control Centre (?) I think since the motto is 'Ever Alert'.

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. This is enclosed, as follows:

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

It has proved necessary to withhold some information in accordance with qualified exemptions of the FOI Act. Commercially sensitive information in the Fault History (Annex D) 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 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.

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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”.

No information is held in respect of operating manuals for the vehicle. However, under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that Land Rover Td5 publications are available from the original equipment manufacturer which may assist.

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

VEHICLE DETAILS

ERM	NATO Stock Number	Asset Code	Contract Number	Description	Colour
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
VN33AA	2310999085896	RB11553115	LR007	CAR UTY MED CL 4X4 RHD 9 SEATS LAND ROVER 110 STATION WAGON 2.5LTR TD5 DSL	

Date In Service	Chassis Number	Engine No.	Cast	Cast Date
(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
17/05/2002	LD631798			

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)
VN33AA			CQ188D	LAND ROVER		1395	15/02/2002	
VN33AA	2	15/02/2002	F5449A	1 ACC	11764	508	17/05/2002	U04

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Work Objects														
Serial Number:	VN33AA													
NSN:	2310999085896													
Criteria:														
Repair Level:	ALL													
Work Object Status:	Closed													
Mission Impact:	ALL													
FaultState:	ALL													
Escalate Work:	ALL													
Work Request ID:														
Assigned Work Status:	ALL													
Working Organisation:														
Repair Section:														
Fault ID	Work Request ID	Fault Description	Work Status	FaultState	Escalate Work	Repair Level	Batch Fault Group ID Number	FaultOccurrence Date	Mission Impact	Reason For Work	Level3 Description	Working Organisation	Repair Section	Estimated Repair Time
000000-0085D117		Engine Management Light On/Lack of Power	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		09 Dec 2014	N/A	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0081B0A4		Power Steering Leaking Fluid	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		23 Jun 2014	N/A	Damage	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0080DC2C		Drivers door damaged	Closed	Limited Role	No	Level 2		19 May 2014	N/A	Closed No Action	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-007F9E76		Drivers Seat Belt Worn	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		25 Mar 2014	N/A	Damage	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-007F9E73		Drop Arm Ball Joint has Excessive Wear	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		25 Mar 2014	N/A	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-007EB817		6 monthly service	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		19 Feb 2014	N/A	Servicing	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-007EB819		Safety Inspection	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		19 Feb 2014	N/A	Inspection	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-007B3813		U/S HANDBRAKE	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		10 Sep 2013	N/A	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-007A08D2		6 MONTHLY	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		10 Jul 2013	N/A	Servicing	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-007A08D8		SAFETY INSPECTION	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		10 Jul 2013	N/A	Inspection	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-007A08E4		BRAKES PULLING TO ONE SIDE	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		10 Jul 2013	N/A	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0077C080		CLUTCH US	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		05 Apr 2013	N/A	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0076A1F4		FRONT PASSENGER DOOR U/S	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		18 Feb 2013	N/A	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0076A1F8		MAIN BEAM U/S	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		18 Feb 2013	N/A	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0076BEF9		REPAIR FUSE BOX	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		21 Feb 2013	N/A	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0074E050		2 YEARLY	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		13 Nov 2012	N/A	Servicing	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0074E064		OOPS 2 YEARLY	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		13 Nov 2012	N/A	Servicing	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0074E06D		MEI	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		13 Nov 2012	N/A	Inspection	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0074E153		REPLACE INJECTOR SEALS	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		13 Nov 2012	N/A	Servicing	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-00719FAE		REAR CROSS MEMBER (CHASSIS)	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		01 Jun 2012	N/A	Damage	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-00715C1C		MEI	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		21 May 2012	N/A	Servicing	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-00715C13		6 MONTH MAINT	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		21 May 2012	N/A	Servicing	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-006C0E31		FUEL LEAK	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		09 Aug 2011	N/A	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-006BED3D		FAULTY FUEL GAUGE	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		01 Aug 2011	N/A	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0060B742		6M/INTER + 6M SAFETY	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		02 Jun 2011	N/A	Servicing	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			
000000-0060A1C9		Fan Belt excessively worn	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		26 May 2011	Aborted	Failure	TUM STATION WAGON DSL			