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Our Reference: FOI2022/03350 Date: 5 April 2022

Dear

I am writing about your email of 10 March 2022, requesting the following information:

'I am the owner of an ex military Pinzgauer with In Service registration number 80KL19 and chassis number VAG71621320004134. I would like to request a copy of any information you may hold relating to the maintenance of the vehicle, and the units/places where it may have served during it's military service.'

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 - Inspection History

Annex C - Service History

Annex D - Modification History (redacted)

Annex E - Fault History

It has proved necessary to withhold some information in accordance with a qualified exemption of the FOI Act. Commercially sensitive information in the Modification 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.

However, the Modification History provides details of the time taken by MOD contractors to modify and repair 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.

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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".

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)
					Army/NATO
80KL19	2320999085952	NB17553103	LV2A/173	TRUCK UTY MED (HD) FFR HT PINZGAUER SCARUS TCAD	Green IRR

Date In Service	Chassis Number	Engine No.	Cast	Cast Date
(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
29/04/1996	71621300000000	N/A		

## **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)
80KL19	3		CA005A	JSCS ASHCHURCH		18713AA	29/04/1996	
80KL19	4	14/08/1998	A1990A	DSG	41776A	999	22/02/1999	
80KL19	3	03/03/1999	CA005A	JSCS ASHCHURCH	999999	41838AA	03/03/1999	
80KL19	4	06/08/1999	A0402A	14 SIG REGT (EW)	47852A	3069	07/10/1999	
80KL19	4	11/02/2004	A9121A	COB QM DEPT	30315	1018	01/03/2004	U63
80KL19	4	04/08/2004	A0402A	14 SIG REGT (EW)	712	50543	04/08/2004	V19
80KL19	4	26/08/2004	CB829G	GENERAL DYNAMICS UK LTD (GFE ACCT)	35160	100493	02/09/2004	V64
80KL19	1	08/09/2011	CA005A	JSCS ASHCHURCH	137	1106AA	08/09/2011	

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Work Objects										
Serial Number:	80KL19									
NSN:	2320999085952									
Criteria:										
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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
000000-0045C503		No	2 Yearly	18 Aug 2013	Level 1			000:00		
000000-0045C502		No	3 Yearly/48000 Kms	18 Aug 2014	Level 2			000:00		
000000-0045C500		No	Yearly/16000 Kms	18 Aug 2012	Level 2			000:00		
000000-0045C501		No	6 Monthly/8000 Kms	17 Feb 2012	Level 2			000:00		

000000-006F8AFB	00025	Fitment of wheel bolt indicators	No	1/A	Mod			Fully Fit	CL	Level 2			
				Production Classification/In Service Classification		Apply When Usage Equals	Embody by Target Date				Working Organisation	Repair Section	Estimated Repair Time
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Working Organisation													
Assigned Work Status	ALL												
Work Request ID	7												
Escalate Work	ALL												
Fault State	ALL												
Mission Impact	ALL												
Work Object Status	Closed												
Repair Level	ALL												
Criteria													
NSN	2320999085952												
Serial Number	80KL19												
Work Objects													

Fault ID	Work Request ID	Fault Description	Work Statu	s Fault State	Escalate Work	Repair Level	Batch Fault Group ID Number	Fault Occurrence Date	Mission Impact	Reason For Work	Level 3 Description	Working Organisation	Repair Section	Estimated Repair Time
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Fault State	ALL													
Mission Impact	ALL													
Work Object Status	Closed													
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