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Telephone E-mail:

8 November 2022

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 8 November 2022 requesting the following information:

Could you please provide me with up to date names, job titles and email addresses for your Senior IT staff, such as:

Chief Information Officer Chief Digital Officer Chief Technology Officer Head of Digital Transformation Director of IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology Head of IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology Manager Chief / Deputy Operating Officer Head / Director of Cyber Security ICT Project Manager ICT Programme Manager Network Manager / Head / Director ICT Infrastructure ICT Business Manager Head of IT Procurement ICT Officer ICT Network Officer

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In response to your queries, I have completed a search for the information within the Defence Electronics & Components Agency (DECA), and I can confirm that we do hold some of the information in scope of your request.

Under Section 21 (information readily available by other means) we are not obliged to provide information already in the public domain. The names and job titles of our senior leaders can be found listed on our web pages Defence Electronics and Components Agency - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

I would also like to point out that some of the appointments are not applicable to DECA, specifically *Director of IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology and Chief / Deputy Operating Officer* and therefore the **information is not held.**

Under Section 40(2) (Data Protection) I am withholding information about Chief Information Officer, Chief Digital Officer, Chief Technology Officer, Head of Digital Transformation, Head of IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology, IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology Manager, Head / Director of Cyber Security, ICT Project Manager, ICT Programme Manager, Network Manager / Head / Director, ICT Infrastructure, ICT, Business Manager, Head of IT Procurement, ICT Officer and ICT Network Officer in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. It is MOD's policy that names of officials below Senior Civil Service should be withheld under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act unless an individual is in a public facing role and their post and name are already in the public domain.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement for a Public Interest Test in making the decision to withhold this information.

I am also applying Section 40(2) of the FOI Act to withhold the direct email, telephone numbers of all individuals in order to protect personal information governed by the Data Protection Act 2018.

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Under Section 16 (Advice and Guidance) you can contact any of the individuals by emailing decaimfo@deca.mod.uk

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has ended.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process is complete. You can find further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner on the Commissioner's website, https://ico.org.uk/.

Regards	
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