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I am writing about your email of 20 July 2022, requesting the following information:

'I am writing to make the following request for information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act").'

Request: please provide a copy of the following contract:

Contract number	Start date	End date	Contract value	Supplier name
DC1BESL/6039	28/03/2008	31/03/2012	£1,750,000	3M UK PLC

This contract is referred to in the attached, which was kindly provided by the Defence & Equipment Support Secretariat following earlier requests under the Act.'

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

An extensive search has been carried out of Ministry of Defence (MOD) records, unfortunately however we cannot locate the contract requested.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, I can advise that due to the age of the contract it is highly likely that the contract requested was sent to archive and subsequently destroyed.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

DE&S Secretariat