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Dear [Redacted]

I am writing about your letter of 7 July 2022, requesting the following information:

'Request for information and Service History on Land Rover Defender 110 - Truck Utility Medium VIN SALLDHAC8MA958388. I recently experienced the pleasure and fortune of purchasing a Land Rover Defender 110 (Truck Utility Medium) made in the year of 1995. I remain curious to know the service, modification and repair history of this vehicle. I have obtained a very limited history of which lists the vehicle was employed by the Royal Air Force at one time. Would you be kind enough to dispatch any service history or records on the vehicle. I wish to present you with the below information with pertaining to the vehicle. Vehicle Type - Land Rover Defender 110 EX MOD (NATO Model - Left Hand Driven similar to the US & Canada). Year of Manufacture 1995 Fuel Type - Diesel 1 | P a g e Military Installations - Fitted For Radio I hope the information would suffice to trace down the vehicle. Further I have run in to issues in obtaining parts in Canada as it is a military vehicle. Should you have any leads or suggestions on parts identification literature please feel free to enclose or suggest.'

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 (military registration **CA73AA**) that can be released. This is enclosed, as follows:

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

It has proved necessary to withhold some information in accordance with a qualified exemption of the FOI Act. Some of the 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).

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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".

Information about your vehicle has also 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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 177927, and 'Merlin 2.0 Attachment 6' at rows 63034 to 63038.

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.

In relation to your query on parts, you may wish to use the following link for the Army Equipment Support Publication (AESP) 2320-D-128-711 which is an Illustrated Parts Catalogue for all variants of the Land Rover Defender:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/502705/FOI2016-00702_2320-D-128-711_Final.pdf

Section 3-3 of the above AESP lists all of the Land Rover items by NATO Stock Number, Item Name and Item Description; by using that, we believe you should be able to identify the civilian Defender part numbers from a civilian Defender parts catalogue. Chapter 3-2 lists all of the manufacturer drawing numbers for each illustration in the catalogue, which may also help you identify common items when compared to the civilian Defender 110 parts catalogue.

Finally, the internet has many online Land Rover communities of people who buy, repair and run ex-military Land Rovers.

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.

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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

Equipment Transfer History

Report Date: 26 Jul 2022

Start Date		End Date		Equipment Description	TUM FFR HARD TOP
ERM/Ser	CA73AA			UII	29972
Custodian	NOT IN JAMES EQUIPMENT			Holding Unit	NOT IN JAMES EQUIPMENT

Transfer Reason	Transferred By	Transfer Date/Time	Transfer Comments	Receipt Reason	Received By	Receipt Date/Time	Receipt Custodian Unit	Receipt Holding Unit	Days Held
Equipment Record		06 Nov 2008 13:13	Initial Creation	Automatic Receipt	Automatic	06 Nov 2008 13:13			5009

Work Objects															
Serial Number:	CA73AA														
NSN:	2320998939101														
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:															
Fault ID	Work Request ID	Fault Description	Work Status	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	
000000-005CF2F5		REPLACE 2X SHEARED BOLTS L/H/F HUB	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		10 Jan 2011	N/A	Failure	TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-005CF2CE		ADJUST L/H/F WHEEL BEARING	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		10 Jan 2011	N/A	Servicing	TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-005CF2C4		REFIT R/H/R INDICATOR LENS (OLD TYPE FITTED UPSIDE DOWN)	Closed	Limited Role	No	Level 2		10 Jan 2011	N/A	Inspection	TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-005CF2BB		RECTIFY INOP NUMBER PLATE LIGHT	Closed	Limited Role	No	Level 2		10 Jan 2011	N/A	Inspection	TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-005CF2B3		ADJUST R/H BOTTOM DOOR HINGE	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		10 Jan 2011	N/A	Servicing	TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-005CF2AE		ADJUST 24v GENNY BELT	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		10 Jan 2011	N/A	Servicing	TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-005CA3CB		CARRY OUT RBT AND SMOKE TEST	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		02 Dec 2010	N/A	Failure	TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-005CA3C7		CARRY OUT 932(b) INSPECTION	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		02 Dec 2010	N/A	Failure	TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-005CA3C4		CARRY OUT 12M SERVICE	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		02 Dec 2010	N/A	Failure	TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-004DBBA8		CARRY OUR GEAR BOX OIL CHANGE AS PER REF HQLF/EQPT/SE/8140	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		04 Mar 2010	N/A	Failure	TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-004DB1E8	000000-002AA436	CARRY OUT RBT	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		03 Mar 2010			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-004DBBAD	000000-002AA62E	ADJUST 24V GENERATOR BELT	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		04 Mar 2010			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-004DB1E4	000000-002AA436	CARRY OUT 6M SERVICE	Closed	Limited Role	No	Level 2		03 Mar 2010			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-004DB1DF	000000-002AA436	CARRY OUT 932(b) RECIEPT INSPECTION	Closed	Limited Role	No	Level 2		03 Mar 2010			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-004A50D1	000000-002A01EB	CARRY OUT 932B DISPOSAL INSPECTION	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		30 Nov 2009			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-0046CE3B	000000-0029579C	CARRY OUT RBT AND SMOKE TEST	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		10 Aug 2009			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-0046CE37	000000-0029579C	CARRY OUT 932(b) INSPECTION	Closed	Limited Role	No	Level 2		10 Aug 2009			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-0046CE35	000000-0029579C	CARRY OIL AND FILTER CHANGE	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		10 Aug 2009			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-0046CE34	000000-0029579C	CARRY OUT BRAKE FLUID CHANGE	Closed	Limited Role	No	Level 2		10 Aug 2009			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-0046CE33	000000-0029579C	CARRY OUT 24 MONTH SERVICE	Closed	Limited Role	No	Level 2		10 Aug 2009			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-003CA4C4	000000-0027978D	CARRY OUT RBT	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		05 Feb 2009			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-003CA4B0	000000-0027978D	CARRY OUT 6534 UI	Closed	Limited Role	No	Level 2		05 Feb 2009			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-003CA49C	000000-0027978D	CARRY OUT 6 MONTH SERVICE	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 2		05 Feb 2009			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-00332DA9	000000-0027978D	CHANGE CAMBELT	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2		24 Nov 2008			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-002F7050		Initial Usage	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 1		06 Nov 2008			TUM FFR HARD TOP				
000000-002F7104		Initial Maintenance	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 1		06 Nov 2008			TUM FFR HARD TOP				