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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 3 August 2022 requesting the following information:

'I would like to make an FOI request for information held on a former MOD vehicle. It is a trailer, known as a "Sankey Trailer". The registration plate is worn (see attached) but the serial number EG03AA is clearly visible. Please advise if you can assist.'

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and information about your vehicle has 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://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 186587, and the second attachment 'Merlin 2.0 Attachment 6', at rows 89273 to 89278.

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.

I can confirm, there are no records held in the Joint Asset Management and Engineering Solutions database regarding this vehicle.

You may also wish to contact the Royal Logistic Corps Museum who might be able to assist your research further. The contact details for the museum are below. It is, however, possible that the Museum may charge to use its services.

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The Royal Logistic Corps Museum
Building 301
Worthy Down
SO21 2RG
Telephone 01962 887793
Email: information@rlcmuseum.com

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