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Our Reference:
FOI2023/03512
Date:
17 March 2023

Dear ██████████

I am writing about your email of 15 March 2023, requesting the following information:

I have recently purchased an ex mod land rover defender and i am writing to ask for any information you hold about its military service and service history etc, the military registration number was PD78AA and the chassis number is SALLDAA67XA162289 and it was delivered into service on the 19/05/1999. Much appreciated

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information identified relating to this vehicle is attached, as follows:

- Annex A – Owner History
- Annex B – Fault History (redacted)
- Annex C – Inspection History
- Annex D – Modification History

It has proved necessary to withhold some information in accordance with qualified exemptions of the FOI Act. Some of the commercially sensitive information in the Fault History (Annex B) 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 the 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, reporting the time taken by MOD contractors to rectify fault reports could be used, along with already published contractor information, to reveal market sensitive information,

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such as hourly labour rates, that would likely allow the company's competitors to exploit when bidding for similar work.

Given the arguments described above, on balance, it was determined that the information should be withheld under Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests). 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".

You may wish to note that when the Management of Equipment, Resources, and Liabilities Information Network (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 owner history data may be inaccurate.

I can advise that no other information on this vehicle is held.

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 Policy Secretariat

Work Objects

Serial Number: PD78AA
 NSN: 2320998939933

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:

Modification Event ID	Modification Number	Modification Description	Work Request ID	Escalate Work	Production Classification/In Service Classification	Modification Type	Apply When Usage Equals	Embodiment Target Date	Usage Counter Units	Fault State	Work Status	Repair Level	Working Organisation	Repair Section	Estimated Repair Time
000000-00629B60	00039	TUM (HS) REMUS 1- SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAMME		No	-/-	RTI				Fully Fit	CL	Level 2			

Work Objects

Serial Number: PD78AA
NSN: 2320998939933

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:

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Maintenance Event ID	Request ID	Escalate Work	Maintenance Event Name	Next Due Date	Repair Level	Fault State	Work Status	Estimated Repair Time	Working Organisation	Repair Section
000000-00277D88		No	MEI (2)	25 Mar 2014	Level 2			000:00		

Work Objects

Serial Number: PD78AA
 NSN: 2320998939933

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
000000-00962138		Check No2 ball joint torque tightness as per safety notice LE SNvE 00063	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2	000000-0000320B	20 Jan 2016	N/A	Inspection	TUL HS GS SOFT TOP W&W			
000000-006B0393		Insp Steering Drop Arm Tab Washer	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2	000000-0000030F	22 Jun 2011	N/A	Inspection	TUL HS GS SOFT TOP W&W			
000000-0079AFCA		Inspect tyres for damage	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2	000000-00000835	25 Jun 2013	N/A	Inspection	TUL HS GS SOFT TOP W&W			
000000-00843916		Towing Pintle Assembly	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 2	000000-00001F58	09 Oct 2014	Degraded	Inspection	TUL HS GS SOFT TOP W&W			
000000-00A04E43		BOWMAN- CABLES & MOUNTS INSPECTED FOR DAMAGE & SECURITY	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 3		23 Feb 2017	N/A	Inspection	TUL HS GS SOFT TOP W&W			000:00
000000-00797FA5		GOODYEAR G90 tyres manufactured in South Africa cracking File Ref OSVP/64/40/04/09	Closed	Non-Taskworthy	No	Level 1	000000-0000081A	23 Jun 2013	N/A	Failure	TUL HS GS SOFT TOP W&W			
000000-00403D79		Initial Maintenance	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 1		29 Mar 2009			TUL HS GS SOFT TOP W&W			
000000-00403D72		Initial Usage	Closed	Fully Fit	No	Level 1		29 Mar 2009			TUL HS GS SOFT TOP W&W			

VEHICLE DETAILS

ERM	NATO Stock Number	Asset Code	Contract Number	Description	Colour
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
PD78AA	2320998939933	NB42193100	LV2A/088DUM	TRUCK UTILITY LIGHT (TUL)(HS) 4X4 GS (SOFT TOP) WINTERISED WATER PROOFED LANDROVER 2.5 LTR TURBO DSL (WITH EEGR)	Army/NATO Green IRR

Date In Service	Chassis Number	Engine No.	Cast	Cast Date
(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
20/05/1999	SALLDAA67XA162289	N/K		

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)
PD78AA	3		CA005A	JSCS ASHCHURCH		42984AA	20/05/1999	
PD78AA	4	15/06/2004	D1832C	SUV IPT LIGHT SUPPORT	65889A	999	29/06/2004	
PD78AA	3	06/07/2004	CA005A	JSCS ASHCHURCH	999999	61816AA	06/07/2004	
PD78AA	4	11/06/2007	D4473K	COMBAT SUPPORT VEHICLES IPT	83590A	999	29/06/2007	
PD78AA	3	05/07/2007	CA005A	JSCS ASHCHURCH	999999	78400AA	05/07/2007	
PD78AA	3	16/07/2008	A5969A	TFSU (UK)	89812A	1801	22/07/2008	
PD78AA	4	19/11/2009	D4473K	COMBAT SUPPORT VEHICLES IPT	768D	999	19/11/2009	
PD78AA	4	11/11/2010	CC127C	MILLBROOK PROVING LTD	CSV IPT	999 MBK	11/11/2010	C33
PD78AA	1	10/04/2013	CA005A	JSCS ASHCHURCH	392	6273AA	08/05/2013	
PD78AA	4	10/04/2013	CB993C	DSG PLANNED REPAIR R&I BLDG C34	L007AM	L0007AM	10/04/2013	
PD78AA		16/05/2017		SEF (UK) ASHCHURCH			16/05/2017	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
PD78AA		22/08/2018		BABCOCK DISPOSAL			22/08/2018	
PD78AA		10/06/2021		BABCOCK DISPOSAL			10/06/2021	
PD78AA		07/01/2022		OSVP CVS HOLDINGS			07/01/2022	