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31 May 2023

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your email of 3 May 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

1. The number of private-sector contractors who held the following security clearances issued by the Defence Business Services National Security Vetting (part of DBS) in 2017:

- a) Developed Vetting*
- b) Enhanced Developed Vetting*

2. The number of private-sector contractors who held the following security clearances issued by the Defence Business Services National Security Vetting in 2013:

- a) Developed Vetting*
- b) Enhanced Developed Vetting*

By private-sector contractors, I refer to individuals who are not UK government employees but provide services to the government as contractors or part of a contracting arrangement.

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 MOD and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Information and Assistance) you may wish to be aware that ownership of United Kingdom Security Vetting (UKSV) transferred from the MOD to the Cabinet Office in April 2020. UKSV may hold some of the information requested. Further information on submitting an FOI request to UKSV can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/united-kingdom-security-vetting>

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,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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