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Dear Mr Carroll

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 December 2008 in which you asked for the monetary value of all weapons exports from the United Kingdom to Saudi Arabia since September 2001. This has been considered as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I should explain that the Ministry of Defence acts as an advisory department on export licence applications made by companies to the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR). Consequently BERR, as the licensing authority in the UK for strategic exports, has overall responsibility for the export licensing process and controls the data you have requested. You should therefore approach BERR for this information. Their website address is www.berr.gov.uk and you may contact them by sending an e-mail to foirequests@berr.gsi.gov.uk.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspects of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail: Info-XD@mod.uk). Please note any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you still remain unhappy following the internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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