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Dear Mr Mantle,

Thank you for your email of 21 April 2016 which requested the following:

The information that the Defence Supplier Relations Team gave to attendees at DPRTE

I am treating your enquiry as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The leaflets given by the Supplier Relations Team to attendees at the Cardiff Defence Procurement Research Technology & Exportability (DPRTE) event are attached. These are:

- Defence Suppliers' Service leaflet
- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) supplying defence leaflet
- 'Selling to the MOD' brochure
- SME policy refresh leaflet
- · Contracting, Purchasing and Financing leaflet

A copy of the Defence Contracts Bulletin was also offered to delegates at DPRTE but, as this is already available to you via the Defence Contracts Online website, I am withholding it under Section 21 of the FOI Act (information reasonably accessible by other means). Information on the Defence Contracts Bulletin is at the following link: https://www.contracts.mod.uk/publication/. Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (advice and assistance), you may wish to note that it is free to register on Defence Contracts Online but there is a subscription charge for the Defence Contracts Bulletin.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect 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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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