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Our ref: 2017/03434

Your ref:

Date: 11 April 2017

Dear Mr Dehaye,

Thank you for your email dated 13 March 2017, requesting the following information:

*"In the link referenced (in the comments), Neil Verrall states: "'DSTL conducted 'an impartial review of the method' whereby the method was employed for an applied TAA project.'" (see [http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=7369&d=z13G2I9S9\\_RLu7EP9VSPS13rTbZ73GXI\\_mVLev8FXQ&u=http%3a%2f%2farchive%2eis%2f77hA4](http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=7369&d=z13G2I9S9_RLu7EP9VSPS13rTbZ73GXI_mVLev8FXQ&u=http%3a%2f%2farchive%2eis%2f77hA4)) In the interest of time, I wish to obtain that particular review of the BDi methodology, for that particular applied TAA project. In other words, please use the narrowest interpretation leading to responsive documents. "*

We are 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 we can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

We are currently reviewing your request in accordance with the following FOI exemptions: Section 24 (1) National Security, Section 26 (1) Defence, Section 27 (1) International Relations, and Section 43 (1) (2) Commercial Interests. The FOI exemptions cited are qualified exemptions and we are in the process of conducting a Public Interest Test (PIT). This means that the information can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

We shall write to you within the next 20 working days, which is no later than the 20 May 2017, with the outcome of the PIT.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an 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 your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Dstl Secretariat