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Dear Mr Singer,

Thank you for your email of 8 November 2018 in which you request the following information:

“Could you please provide me with a copy of the Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme contract as of 2018 for Army Sponsored Bursars.

If available could any documentation regarding regimental choice be provided also?”

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

I am writing to confirm that the MOD holds some of the information on the subject you have requested. I should explain that when a student joins the Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme (DTUS) as an Army Bursar they will also join the Army Reserves as an Officer Cadet. This means that there is a two-stage process to follow rather than a specific contract. Firstly, they sign a Deed of Acceptance (undertaking) for DTUS and secondly, the Army Reserve Attestation Paper and the Army Reserve Notice Paper which we have enclosed with this letter.

Annex A: MODLA/NCS Deed of Acceptance of a place on DTUS
Annex B: AFE 7545 Army Reserve Attestation Paper
Annex C: AFE 7545 A Notice Paper-Army Reserve Soldier

In response to your request for documentation regarding regimental choice, I can confirm that no specific documentation is provided to the DTUS attendee with the details of any specific Regiment. It may be helpful if I explain that the four key Regiments (Royal Logistics Corps, Royal Signals, Royal Engineers and the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) each have a dedicated Recruitment Team that is led by individual Regimental HQ that engages with individuals throughout the scheme. Whilst at DTUS a provisional decision is made regarding regimental choice but a final agreement between the individual and the Regiment will not be made until the second, Intermediate Term at Sandhurst, when the Regimental Selection Boards are held. All DTUS candidate Officer Cadets will, at this stage, be presented to two formal Regimental Boards which should, under normal circumstances be from those Regiments previously mentioned. Upon receiving a successful ‘offer’ from the Regimental Board they will then choose to select from one of the two offers made, or will take the single Regimental offer if only one is provided to the Cadet.

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Yours sincerely,

JFD Secretariat