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Dear Mr Binge,

Your emails dated from 7 March to 3 April 2018 are considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You submitted eight requests for information on a total of 110 vehicles.

I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. However, it is not possible to provide the information requested without exceeding the appropriate limit for responding to FOI requests.

Section 12 of the FOIA makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Additionally, section 12(4) of the FOI Act provides that where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority, the estimated total cost of complying with all of them should be considered. It is not possible to give a precise estimate of the costs it would entail to undertake the task for these requests, however it would clearly exceed £600.

Section 16 of the FOIA requires public authorities to provide advice and assistance to requesters, so far as it is reasonable to do so. You may, therefore, wish to consider refining your request to no more than 100 vehicles at any one time, and submit this after 30 May 2018. Additionally, you should note that any subsequent and additional requests for information received within 60 consecutive working days would also be considered in scope of section 12(4) of the FOI Act. You are also advised that any refinement will be treated as a new request and be subject to the full requirements of the FOIA.

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.

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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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