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Dear Mr Lai,

Thank you for your email of 12 August in which you requested the following information:

*With regards to the 1 August 2019 Field Army restructuring and Army 2020 Refine:*

- 1) Where will be the new Rifle company for 3 PWRR be located and what is the name of the new Company*
- 2) Can you re-confirm that there will be a new Rifle Company for the London Regiment and what its name and location*
- 3) Which Royal Engineer Regiments will move to 25th Close Support Engineer Group to support the Strike Brigades and which will remain as part of 12th Force Support Group under 8 Engineer Brigade?*
- 4) Will 254 (Specialist Group Information Services) Signal Squadron and the Land Information Assurance group still be under the command of 15 Signal Regiment as it converts to support 12 Armoured Infantry Brigade*
- 5) Please list the battalions/regiments that will remain under 38th (Irish) Brigade and 160th (Welsh) Brigade.*
- 6) [Are] Headquarters North West and North East are merging together and does it mean HQ North East is separating from 4th Infantry Brigade?*
- 7) Which higher formation does 6 CSE Battalion REME fall under or is it still OPCON 101 Logistic Brigade?*
- 8) Which Light Cavalry regiment - The Light Dragoons, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards or the Royal Scot Dragoon Guards - will resubordinate to 6th UK Division and under with Brigade?*

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

This letter is to inform you that the MOD holds information related to your request, but that we consider that some of the information may fall within the scope of the following qualified exemption: Section 26 (Defence). As such it may be necessary for us to decide whether, in the circumstances of this case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The Act requires us to respond to requests promptly, and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test has to be conducted, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days. A full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case and, in relation to your request, we estimate that it will take an additional 20 working days to take a final decision on where the balance of public interest lies. We therefore plan to let you have a response by 8 October 2019. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion we will let you know.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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