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Mr Benoit Dutilleul request-245853-	Your Reference:
<u>∞ x</u>	Our Reference: FOI2014/08533 Date: 19 th January 2015

Dear Mr Dutilleul,

Thank you for your further email of 13th January which is considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested confirmation that the MOD does not hold any information within scope of the following request:

Since 2012, the procurement of the MoD is facilitated through annual events entitled: Defence Procurement, Research, Technology & Exportability (DPRTE).

Please provide in a text-searchable spreadsheet (excel-compatible file) for each event (DPRTE 2012, DPRTE 2013 and DPRTE 2014):

- * the list of all partners together with a detailed breakdown of all their contributions,
- * the list of sponsors together with a detailed breakdown of all their contributions,
- * the list of registered and actually present exhibitors (individuals with their affiliations if available, groups, businesses, authorities, etc.), together with a detailed breakdown of all the services they contracted, and related financial transactions,
- * the list of registered and actually present attendees (individuals with their affiliations if available, groups, businesses, authorities, etc.).

I can confirm that the MOD does not hold the information requested. Under Section 16 of the FOIA, however, I am able to offer the following advice:

The DPRTE events were organised by BiP Solutions Ltd at which MOD provided speakers (including Susanna Mason) and representatives from DE&S Project/Delivery Teams. BiP hold details of which MOD & DE&S representatives attended the event along with those from other Government Departments and Industry. For the DPRTE 2012,2013 & 2014 events Team Leaders of the DE&S Project/Delivery Teams were altered beforehand that the events would be taking place and encouraged them to send representatives, where appropriate, to the

events. However, such DE&S representatives were advised to contact BiP Solutions Ltd directly to register their interest in attending. This information was not shared with or held by MOD as it was a BiP organised event.

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.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Parrish