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Dear Mr Douglas

Thank you for your email of 16 August in which you requested the 'table of contents' for the Army Field Manual War Fighting Tactics Part 5a: Armoured and Armoured Infantry Sub Unit Tactics doctrine. I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

This request was made following your earlier request (FOI2019/08228) in which you asked to see a copy of the above doctrine, as well as the Health Service Support to Land Operations Handbook. I explained in my letter dated 16 August that this information was exempt for release under Section 14 of the Act (Vexatious and Burdensome) due to the volume requested and that, if released, much would fall under Section 26 of the Act (Defence).

The Contents of the Army Field Manual War Fighting Tactics Part 5a is attached to this letter and can be found at Annex A. Because you have stated that you are asking for the Contents in order to make a more targeted request, I do wish to reiterate the point made in my previous letter that significant amounts of information in this document would fall under Section 26 (Defence) of the Act and, subject to a public interest test, are likely to be withheld.

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Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat

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