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Dear Mr Douglas,

Thank you for your email of 15 September in which you requested 'pages from 1-1 to 1-8' from 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). On 11 September 2019, we provided a copy of the contents pages under FOI2019/09573.

As I have mentioned in previous correspondence, the department considers that some of the information held may fall within the scope of the following qualified exemption: Section 26 (Defence). As such it is 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 November 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.

Yours sincerely,

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