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Your Reference:

Our Reference: 23-07-2010-111810-001

Date: 23 September 2010

Dear Mr Farnet

1. Thank you for your correspondence received on 30 July 2010, which has been considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. I apologise for the late response.

2. Your request was as follows:

Most public bodies list the freedom of information requests on their website with status of what was released. you do not supply this data on your website under FOI please give me an excel (NOT as a pdf) list of all FOI requests you have had since it became law. for each FOI request, please list: date of request date of reply reference number/ID subject/title of the request [each request on the list should include the subject/title of the request please] status [whether information was fully released, partially released or withheld]

3. I can confirm that MOD holds the information you requested. Please find attached an excel spreadsheet containing the information. Some of the information you have requested falls within the scope of the following absolute exemption(s) under the Act and has been redacted:

Section 40 – Information which is personal data whose release is governed by the Data Protection Act

As this exemption is an absolute exemption an assessment of the public interest for and against disclosure is not required under the terms of the Act.

4. There are no records for FOI requests received before 2005 because it was not then a legal requirement for departments to record this information.

5. The provided information does not include 'Subject Details' for FOI requests dated before February 2007, when this functionality was added to our FOI handling software. However, you can find the subject details of these FOI requests at the following link: http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/DisclosureLog/RequestsReceived/FoiRequestsForInformationReceivedByMod.htm

6. The 'Status' shown may not give an accurate reflection of the status of some older FOI requests. FOI requests are sometimes incorrectly recorded as 'open' or 'withdrawn' even if they have been answered. Some FOI requests are genuinely 'open' for an extended period of time, particularly where the subject matter requires more careful handling. We are aware that the timeliness of MOD responses to FOI requests has deteriorated and are making efforts to rectify the situation.

7. Please see the attached Annex which provides definitions of the 'work-flow statuses' of FOI requests logged using our software. Users select the status of an FOI request from several options.

8. If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your FOI 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 Head of Corporate Information, 2nd 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.

9. If you are still unhappy 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.informationcommissioner.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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