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Dear Mr Harris,

Thank you for your email of 10th July 2018 requesting the following information:

I would like to know if the MOD continues to hold the following documents relating to the 'Truck Utility Medium (HS) HT W/VPK 24v (with ACU) (Snatch-2A)':

AESP 2320 D 132 201 - Operating Information

AESP 2320 D 132 601 - Maintenance Schedules

AESP 2320 D 132 741 - Complete Equipment Schedules, Service Edition

AESP 2320 D 132 821 - General Instructions, Special Technical Instructions and Servicing Instructions

Following further communications on 16th July 2018 the request was clarified to exclude:

I no longer require the following element of the request. I trust this will make your task less onerous.

AESP 2320 D 132 201 - Operating Information

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

The Freedom of Information 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 7th September 2018. 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.

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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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