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Our Reference:
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Date:
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Dear Mr Köstlin,

I am writing in relation to my previous letter of 10 May 2023 relating to the below Freedom of Information request:

'I would like to make a freedom of information request for the 2KW LFG's AESP:

6115-G-710-523 (Maintenance Instructions, 3 Field Maintenance)'

As mentioned in our previous letter, the Ministry of Defence holds information related to your request, but that we believe the information falls within the scope of the qualified exemption under S43 (Commercial Interests) of the FOI Act. As such it is necessary for us to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosure. We regret that we have still not been able to reach a decision in this case.

The FOI Act requires us to respond to requests promptly, and in any case no later than 20 working days after receipt. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test is to be conducted, the Act allows the response time to be longer. A full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case. In relation to your request, we estimate that it could take up to an additional 20 working days to make a final decision on where the balance of public interest lies. A substantive response will, therefore, be provided by 7 July 2023. Please accept our sincere apologies for this further delay; we will do everything we can to ensure that you receive a substantive response by this date.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

DE&S Secretariat