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Dear Aaron

RESPONSE TO YOUR INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 January 2024, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about the Ministry of Defence's use of Microsoft Copilot or other generative artificial intelligence or large language model services:

Does the Ministry have any active Copilot for Microsoft 365 licenses?

If so, how many, and what is the total cost of this licensing?

If not, does the Ministry license any competing generative artificial intelligence (Gen AI) or large language model (LLM) services?

The Ministry of Defence does not currently licence Copilot or other generative AI or LLM services.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mel Childs'.

Mel Childs
Deputy Secretary, Governance, People and Executive Services