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Open Letter

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### **INFORMATION FAIR TRADE SCHEME COMMITMENT**

I am personally committed to making sure that we trade in information fairly. To show the strength of this commitment, my organisation has achieved Information Fair Trader accreditation from the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office (HMSO). In order to maintain the standards achieved during accreditation I will ensure that we have the necessary systems and checks in place to enable me to support the following statement with confidence.

I will ensure that we strictly follow an open and transparent system of trading that meets the principles of the Competition Act 1998. My aim is that, subject to applicable legislation and wider MOD policy constraints, we can meet the needs of anyone who applies for a licence to re-use information that falls within my delegated authority for any purpose. We will publish our policy on reuse on our website and apply it fairly and equitably.

We set prices, and methods for determining prices (such as royalty schemes), in line with applicable HMSO guidance and industry best practice. We publish them on our website and apply them fairly and equitably. Any exceptions are described in full on the website and are available to anyone who qualifies for them.

I am committed to reducing as far as possible the administrative burden on people who re-use public sector information. I will make sure that where appropriate we use processes for trading information that are in line with those of the rest of the public sector.

I will investigate any complaints I receive that my organisation has broken this commitment, and I will make the results of these investigations available to the Office of Public Sector Information. If the OPSI decide to review a complaint, I will, subject to the applicable security requirements being met, allow the OPSI review team to see the relevant staff and records.

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