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Dear

Thank you for your email of 05 October 2015:

"In this instance I would define 'long-term' as between one & three years and to include both habitable & non-habitable dwellings."

Further clarifying your request of 31 August 2015:

"What is the approx. number of long term unoccupied dwellings that are the responsibility of your organisation. (ie. including those on RN, RAF & Army bases, 'mothballed' or otherwise)"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

There are 2,977 habitable or non-habitable dwellings which have been void for between one and three years.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that this figure includes properties which have sustained fire, flood or structural damage or have been indentified for disposal as they are surplus to requirements.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat

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