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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13 February 2017 requesting the following information:

'My name is [REDACTED] and I was formerly the registered tenant at [REDACTED] whilst serving at PJHQ Northwood.

I vacated the property, without DIO giving me the opportunity for a March-Out, after separating from my wife, [REDACTED], in April 2008.

I had been in touch with DIO on a number of occasions before, as the locks were changed on the property whilst I was still the registered tenant and without my knowledge, that precluded me from recovering those personal possessions cited by the Judge in the divorce hearing.

DIO at the time agreed to let me know when the property had been vacated by my ex-wife, in order that I would have the opportunity to try and recover any possessions that I was entitled to before new tenants were moved in.

I am aware from open source media coverage that my ex-wife was disputing an eviction notice on the aforementioned property, that the matter was heard in the UK Supreme Court, and that she was (allegedly) taking it to the European Court of Human Rights.

I have submitted previous FIO requests to DIO, but feel obliged to continue doing so as my main concerns were the recovery (possibly) of my medals, photographs of military service, and personal mementos of operational tours of duty, none of which have any monetary value, and all of which were denied to me, despite 3 Court Orders that I was to have them returned.

My Service details at the time would have been: [REDACTED], although I left the RAF in May 2013.

My questions under the FOI Act provisions are as follows:

Why wasn't I given the opportunity to visit the property whilst still the registered tenant, since I had formally advised DIO of my vacation of said premises?

Has the property since been re-allocated?

If the property has since been re-allocated, why wasn't I afforded the opportunity to visit the property and try to collect those possessions awarded to me (acknowledging that they may already have been disposed of)?

If the said property has been vacated, what happened to those items left in it after the vacation of the premises?'

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found enclosed, below:

1. *Why wasn't I given the opportunity to visit the property whilst still the registered tenant, since I had formally advised DIO of my vacation of said premises?*

Information not held.

2. *Has the property since been re-allocated?*

The property has not been re-allocated.

3. *If the property has since been re-allocated, why wasn't I afforded the opportunity to visit the property and try to collect those possessions awarded to me (acknowledging that they may already have been disposed of)?*

Information not held.

4. *If the said property has been vacated, what happened to those items left in it after the vacation of the premises?'*

The following items are still in the property as of 10 March 2017:

Front room

1x 3 seater sofa
2x 1 seater chairs
2x Landline telephones
2x Lamps
Oil heater
5x Freeview boxes
Sennheiser ear phones
Dining table with 8 chairs
Writing desk
Side board
Bosch iron
2x televisions

Kitchen

Fridge freezer
Kettle
Washing machine
Microwave
Tumble dryer

Bedroom 1

Double bed
Chest of drawer
Wash basket
Bedside table
2x Lamps

Bedroom 2

1 pedal bin
1 double divan
2x single mattresses
Television
Hair dryer
Hair straighteners
Tool box
Coffee table

Bathroom

Toiletries and cosmetic items

Bedroom 3

Cosmetic items
Items of clothing

Garage

2x bicycles
Skis/gym equipment
Various tools

Sheds

2 lawn mowers
Gardening tools.

There are also clothes, pictures and books throughout the property.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) the MOD can advise you to contact [REDACTED], the casework manager for CarillionAmey, at; [REDACTED], or alternatively [REDACTED] in order to further investigate your query.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd Floor, Zone N, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat