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Dear

Thank you for your email of 8 January 2017 requesting the following information:

*“How do military barracks access electric power? Does the British Defence Force have a threshold for energy consumption per personnel? What is the mode of payment for energy consumption by Military Personnel and Government institutions like the MOD?”*

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below:

Military barracks in the UK generally access power from the National Grid.

There are benchmarks for expected power use in various building types (offices, accommodation blocks, workshops etc), these are based on floor area and building types; there isn't a specific threshold or limit on a per individual basis.

The electricity supply to MOD bases for the MOD's own use comes from energy supply contracts that are let through the Crown Commercial Service (CCS), a UK Government Agency that procures common goods and services on behalf of UK Government Departments. The MOD then lets its own contracts with CCS's selected electricity suppliers under the overall CCS framework arrangement, and is billed directly by these suppliers for energy use on MOD sites, paid for from a centrally managed energy budget.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the following useful links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/crown-commercial-service>

<http://ccs-agreements.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/> (select 'Energy' under Category to see the current CCS frameworks

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/armed-forces-pay-review-body>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ministry-of-defence-supplier-invoicing-and-payment-information>

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Zone N, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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,

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