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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 April 2017 requesting the following information:

Under the FOI Act I would be grateful if you could provide the following information regarding the former Station Commander's House at RAF Wyton/Wyton on the Hill (Northfield House):

- *The property was bought by a CA employee?*
- *The price paid by said CA employee for the property*
- *If the CA employee then sold the property afterwards and at what price.*
- *The details of the sales (i.e. price and buyer)*
- *What is the statutory process such houses are sold by*

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.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that this property was transferred from MOD to Annington Homes Limited on 08 August 2013. Thereafter it was not MOD's responsibility to market or sell the property. You may wish to contact Annington Homes Limited directly at 1 James Street, London, W1U 1DR regarding your query.

The statutory process such houses are sold by is as follows:

- Once a site is declared surplus to Defence Purposes it is placed on what was referred to as the Register of Surplus Public Sector Land, which as of 2011 has been integrated into the core e-PIMS database managed by the Government Property Unit (GPU) within the Cabinet Office.
- This database provides an opportunity for other public bodies to express interest in acquiring sites before being placed on the open market.
- Any such a purchase must be at market value as stated within the guidelines set by the Treasury in Managing Public Money
- Treasury guidelines state that transactions such as sales between Departments should generally be at full market value even if transferred to other public sector bodies (including publically sponsored housing associations).

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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, Ground Floor, 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 normally 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