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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 28 May 2015 in which you requested the following information:

- 1) *How many unused IPv4 addresses does your department hold?*
- 2) *How many unused IPv4 addresses has your department sold in the last six months?*
- 3) *How much revenue have you generated from selling unused IPv4 addresses over the last six months from the date of this request?*
- 4) *How many IPv6 addresses are held by your department?*
- 5) *Is your department planning to buy more IPv6 addresses in the next 12 months?*

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

A search for the information you requested has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and information in scope of your request is as below.

How many unused IPv4 addresses does your department hold?

Whilst the term 'unused' has not been defined I can confirm that approximately 5.5 million IPv4 addresses held by the MOD have currently not been allocated to projects or systems and could therefore be regarded as 'unused'.

How many unused IPv4 addresses has your department sold in the last six months?

No IPv4 addresses have been sold in the last six months.

How much revenue have you generated from selling unused IPv4 addresses over the last six months from the date of this request?

Zero.

How many IPv6 addresses are held by your department?

The MOD currently hold a '/29' IPv6 allocation.

Is your department planning to buy more IPv6 addresses in the next 12 months?

The MOD is currently in the process of assessing its future IPv6 addressing needs with a view to determining whether additional IPv6 address space is required and, if so, how much. Note that IPv6 addresses are not 'bought' but rather are 'allocated' to an organisation by a Regional Internet Registry (Réseaux IP Européens (RIPE) in the case of organisations based within Europe).

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, 1st 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 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,

ISS HQ-MB Secretariat