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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 28 October 2017 requesting the following information:

*"I would be grateful if you could supply me with the details you hold of the following;*

- 1) *A list of MOD buildings laying empty or unused at the date of this request*
- 2) *A list of MOD buildings that are for sale at the date of this request*
- 3) *A list of MOD buildings that will be for sale within the next 12 months of this request"*

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 of the information in scope of your request is held.

In reply to item 1, a list of total empty and unused buildings, this can be found below:

<b>Country</b>	<b>Derelict</b>	<b>Unused</b>
ASCENSION ISLAND	0	0
BELGIUM	0	0
BELIZE	5	0
BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY	0	0
BRUNEI	0	0
CANADA	1	9
CYPRUS	65	180
ENGLAND	259	2169
ESTONIA	0	0
FALKLAND ISLANDS	0	5
FRANCE	0	0
GERMANY	135	23

Country	Derelict	Unused
GIBRALTAR	1	41
GUERNSEY	0	0
ISLE OF MAN	0	0
ITALY	0	0
JERSEY	0	0
KENYA	0	0
LATVIA	0	0
LITHUANIA	0	0
NEPAL	0	0
NETHERLANDS	0	0
NORTHERN IRELAND	0	294
NORWAY	0	0
POLAND	0	0
PORTUGAL	0	0
ROMANIA	0	0
SCOTLAND	120	398
SINGAPORE	0	0
SPAIN	0	0
TURKEY	0	0
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0	0
WALES	179	95

The information for items 2 and 3; a list of MOD buildings that are for sale and MOD buildings that will be coming up for sale, under Section 21 of the Act (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) you will find the information on gov.uk using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disposal-database-house-of-commons-report>

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that details of government property for sale can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/find-government-property>.

MOD follows the following process when disposing of land:

- In accordance with treasury guidelines the Department commences disposal action starting with an investigation of any former owner (Crichel Down) issues.
- 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).
- The 'gifting' of property is by exception and normally declined.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly 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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat