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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 10 June 2014. You asked:

Please provide, under Freedom of Information legislation, details on the storage/disposal of ceremonial/dress uniforms produced for the disbanded Scottish Regiments, the Royal Scots, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's), and The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons).

For each regiment, I would like to know: how many uniforms remain the property of the Ministry of Defence, where the uniforms are stored, how many uniforms have been sold, the total value obtained from the sale of uniforms, and how many uniforms have been disposed of by other means (including appropriate details, i.e. donation to military museum, destroyed; etc).

I acknowledge your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and I can inform you that the MOD holds information relating to your request.

According to our records there are no ceremonial/dress uniforms of these Regiments in storage.

The Disposal Services Authority (DSA) disposes of defence equipment that is surplus to requirement on behalf of the MOD. This includes anything from large equipments such as warships, tanks and aircraft to smaller assets such as clothing and textiles, military spares, scrap metal and office/IT equipment.

Most surplus equipment is sold through a series of competitively awarded marketing agreements with specialist contractors. These marketing agreements are structured to not only encourage the commercial partner to achieve the highest possible level of return from sale, but to provide a cost free disposal service to the Department, with costs and profit only being recoverable on completion of sale. For clothing the DSA specialist contract is Disposal Services Ltd.

Please find attached a spreadsheet which provides information on the sale/disposal of these uniforms.

The DSA has checked its records going back to 2006. It has not gifted any ceremonial dress uniforms belonging to these Regiments.

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 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 the case until the 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.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely


Secretariat
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FOI REQUEST: ARMY CEREMONIAL/DRESS UNIFORMS

Data from 01 Feb 12

Items still with Contractor awaiting Sale

	Tunics	Kilts	Trews	Sporrans
The Royal Scots	0	0	0	0
Kings Own Scottish				
Borderers	12	0	0	0
The Black Watch	0	45	16	6
The Argyll & Sutherland				
Highlanders	0	12	6	2
The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons)	0	0	36	0

Number of items sold by contractor*

	Tunics	Kilts	Trews	Sporrans
	Price per Item	Price per Item	Price per Item	Price per Item
	£25	£110	£20	£100
The Royal Scots	342	16	0	0
Kings Own Scottish				
Borderers	134	12	0	0
The Black Watch	76	44	65	45
The Argyll & Sutherland				
Highlanders	36	8	22	16
The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons)	54	27	84	3

*Prices include VAT

Items Disposed of by other means*

The Royal Scots	0
Kings Own Scottish	
Borderers	0
The Black Watch	0
The Argyll & Sutherland	
Highlanders	0
The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons)	0

*Items disposed of by other means - this refers to textile recycling or landfill

There are records to show that a quantity of low grade trews and uniform tunics not suitable for retail sale were disposed of by other means such as wholesale outlets, however it is not possible to identify from the records if any of those sold relate to the regiments in the question