



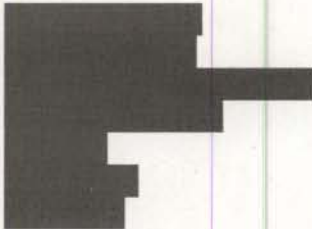
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Dear ,

Thank you for your email of 23 May 2014 requesting the following information:

"Please can you provide the following information, relevant as at the MOD's own specified date being between this day, Friday 23rd May 2014, and within the last 6 months

1. What is the number of hectares containing Unexploded Munitions that require Search and Clearance in order to render the land free of unexploded munitions on land in
 - 1.1 England
 - 1.2 Scotland and
 - 1.3 Wales

2. What is the average man-hours per hectare the MOD might expect to be searched and cleared of Unexploded Munitions for
 - 2.1 dense scrubland/gorse
 - 2.2 farmland/open field
 - 2.3 industrial wasteland
 - 2.4 sandy beach
 - 2.5 woodland"

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. In respect of your first question, this information is not held by the Department. The answers to your second question are dependant on a number of factors. The methodology used to calculate man hours required for such tasks is attached at Annex A.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd 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.gov.uk>.

Please quote the reference number above in any future communication.

Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat

Annex:

A. Method of Calculation.