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Dear

Thank you for your email of 25 June 2015 requesting the following information:

"Can you please provide me with copies of reports made by the DIO / Land Management Services following their monitoring visits of hunts that operate on Salisbury Plain. This should include all hunts, including the RA Hunt, Tedworth Hunt, Avon Vale Hunt, the Palmer Milburn Beagles plus any others.

Please provide the information for the past three years.

Please also provide details of any foxes / hares killed in that period by each hunt and under what circumstances those kills occurred.

Please provide what checks were made by DIO staff to establish what each hunt used as a drag for hounds to follow, together with what substances the drag consisted of.

Please provide details of what checks were carried out by DIO staff to ensure that vehicles used by hunts and supporters were insured and taxed appropriately. "

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, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

Some of the information you have requested can be found attached on annex A but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

In relation to your other questions I can confirm that a search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that no information in the scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the department is satisfied that the hunt was trail hunting and that this instance was an accident.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat

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 DIO Secretariat 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>.