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Dear

Thank you for your email of 3 December 2015 requesting the following information:

*"Just to clarify, are the licences a one off or are they annual licences? In addition, do the licences cover the whole hunt or are the licences for individual riders, or terrier men?"*

*I would also like to know if any of the hunts rent any property on MOD land and the cost of any such rentals, including free use and peppercorn rents?"*

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

*Just to clarify, are the licences a one off or are they annual licences? In addition, do the licences cover the whole hunt or are the licences for individual riders, or terrier men?"*

Hunt licences are issued annually and run from September to April, they cover the whole hunt and include all members.

*I would also like to know if any of the hunts rent any property on MOD land and the cost of any such rentals, including free use and peppercorn rents?"*

Four hunts rent MOD property; the Catterick Beagles, the Royal Artillery Hunt, the Britannia Beagles and the Wiltshire & Infantry Beagles.

The cost of the rentals are:

The Catterick Beagles pay £1900 per annum for the buildings they lease at Catterick.

The Royal Artillery Hunt occupy kennels for which no rent is charged.

The Britannia Beagles occupy kennels and a kennel hands flat, they pay no rent for the kennels and £4677 per annum for the flat. Whilst the Britannia Beagles rent MOD land they currently do not have a licence to hunt.

The Wilts & Infantry Beagles pay £500 per annum for land leased at Warminster.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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,

DIO Secretariat