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Dear

Thank you for your email of 23 October 2015 requesting the following information:

"I would like to know why James Lockyer Associates (JLA) are granted an office and all its facilities at RAF St Mawgan in Cornwall.

"I am aware that they have a contract to carry out a project on the base and I accept that this requires office facilities, but I strongly believe that their representative on the site does not spend all his working days on that project. . .

"Please can you confirm that JLA had to bid for the project against other consultants and that they included office costs . . ?"

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 of the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below:

The contract with JLA was placed on 2 June 2008 following a Single Tender Action process which maintained continuity following termination of the Principal Support Provider contract. The contract documentation does not contain any information regarding office accommodation for JLA personnel on site.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the storage of information appertaining to the Terminal Exchange Building is only permitted in the office shared by the Ministry of Defence Service Delivery Total Facilities Manager. It is therefore to the benefit of the project that the JLA representative is able to work from RAF St Mawgan.

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 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

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat