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Thank you for your email of requesting the following information:

- "a) What official residences the MoD operates for Defence Board members, and who currently has use of them.*
- b) the cost of operating each individual residence for the last financial year.*
- c) What contribution Defence Board members make to their residence, and whether they pay taxable benefits or have it "grossed up" and the cost met by MoD."*

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 the Ministry of Defence does not provide personnel with official residences due to them being a Defence Board member.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that details pertaining to the taxable benefits of Defence Board members are published annually in Chapter 4: Remuneration Report of the Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts. The latest 2014-2015 accounts can be accessed online for free at the following address:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-defence-annual-report-and-accounts-2014-to-2015>

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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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