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Dear

Thank you for your email of 09 July 2015 requesting the following information:

*"I am trying to find out some details regarding ancient hillforts being managed by the dio:*

- 1. how many hillforts are on the dio run property?*
- 2. where are these hillforts located?*
- 3. what management methods are used to protect these sites?*
- 4. what activities are prohibited or restricted on these sites and how is this enforced?*
- 5. does the dio receive additional funding to protect these sites, if so how much?*
- 6. who should be contacted if damaging or illegal activities are occurring on these sites and what will they do to prevent further damage? "*

On the 28 July 2015 you further requested the following information:

*"If however, the DIO does have individual management requirements for the various hillforts under their control, and these are written down as management guidance documents then I would like copies of these documents as well as the names and locations of the hillforts under your control as part of the original FOI"*

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 all of the information in scope of your first request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below:

1. There are currently 13 Hillforts located on MOD land.
2. These are located at Castlelaw (Edinburgh), Battlesbury (Wiltshire), Knook Camp (Wiltshire), Caesar's Camp (Hampshire), Flowers Barrow (Dorset), Castle Steads (North Yorkshire) How Hill (North Yorkshire), Coed-y-Gaer (Shropshire), Glenap Fort (Dumfries and Galloway), Promontory Fort, Old

Castle Head (Pembrokeshire), Scratchbury Camp (Wiltshire) and Casterley Camp (Wiltshire).

3. Protection measures vary. Some have "star signs" but others are in enclosure fences and some are simply marked on maps.
4. Non vehicular training is permitted on some of the hillforts but activities such as metal detecting are forbidden. MOD comply with all relevant Scheduled Monument Legislation.
5. MOD does not receive any additional funding to protect these sites.
6. Local Land Management Services will consider circumstances and take appropriate actions given the considerable protection afforded by normal Ancient Monument Status and protection.

In regards to your further request on the 28 July 2015, a search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that we do not hold individual plans for the Hillforts, as they are covered under Integrated Rural Management Plans (IRMP) and are subject to quinquennial inspection regimes, as per the Department of Culture Media and Sport Protocol for the Care of the Government Historic Estate. If you would like to request a copy of the IRMP then please send a new FOI request to [DIOSec-Parli@mod.uk](mailto:DIOSec-Parli@mod.uk).

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 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](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.

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