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Dear

Thank you for your email of 19 August 2015, requesting the following information:

"I would like to understand how deer are managed on Defence Land. I understand that Defence Deer Management (DDM) is the sole provider of deer management to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO).

I would be grateful if you could provide the below details of this relationship and therefore am making Freedom of Information request for this information electronically and by email where possible:

- 1. The two most recent requests for tenders for deer management on DIO land*
- 2. Details of any contract/arrangement/agreement*
- 3. The details of any existing Service Level Agreement between DDM and DIO*
- 4. Joint Service Publication 362, Leaflet 5.*
- 5. Details of an membership restrictions, conditions or limitations imposed by DDM by the MOD or DIO, in addition to that outlined in 4."*

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 the information in scope of your request is held.

In reference to parts 1 and 2 of your query, the DIO, does not tender MOD's deer management requirement which is delivered under the authority of the Joint Services Publication (JSP) 362, Leaflet 5. A copy of these documents is attached, at Annex A.

In reference to parts 3 and 4 of your query, this service is solely fulfilled voluntarily through DDM regulated via a Service Level Agreement between DIO and DDM and the documents requested can be found at Annex A, as detailed above.

In relation to part 5 of your query, initial membership of DDM is open to MOD employees (military or civilian) with an expectation of five years left in service and a valid Deer Stalking Certificate (DSC) 1. These basic requirements represent the individual's commitment to DDM and allow time to achieve DSC 2 before becoming an active deer manager within the Defence environment.

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.

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