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Dear

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2015 requesting the following information:

"Please provide details of the military bases that will close as a result of the outcome of the Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015."

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 information, in scope of your request is held.

Section 21(2)a has been applied because some of the information is accessible to the public at <a href="https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/chan98.pdf">www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/chan98.pdf</a> Column 1130.

Section 22(1)(a) has been applied because the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date. The outcome of the balance of the public interest test concluded that whilst release would promote openness, transparency and a further understanding of government processes in decision making. It has been necessary to weigh the factors favouring disclosure on a case by case basis against the strong public interest.

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). 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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Yours sincerely,

**DIO Secretariat**