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Dear

Thank you for your email of 08 September 2016 requesting the following information:

"The total spend on long-term void properties by the Ministry of Defence in Scotland each year for the last five years. If possible, I'd like this broken down by property, with the date the building was last occupied.

If this would put it over cost/time limits, the total spend each year is fine.

I'd also like to request the spend on Fort George and Kinloss Barracks/RAF Kinloss each year for the last five years."

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 that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

Unfortunately information on the total spend on long-term void properties by the MOD in Scotland each year for the last five years is not held. However we do have information for Financial Year 2015-16 where the costs were approximately £823k; this includes payments to local authorities for the equivalent of council tax.

The MOD do not hold information of costs of voids broken down by property or when the void properties in Scotland were last occupied.

Please see the below table illustrating the spend on Fort George and Kinloss Barracks each year for the last five years.

Financial Year 2011-12								
RDEL & CDEL								
	Hard FM £m	Soft FM £m	PFI £m	Rent/Rates £m	Utilities £m	Accm £m	Projects £m	Total £m
Fort George			0.174	0.115	0.504			0.793
Kinloss			0.410	1.516	1.886			3.812
Financial Year 2012-13								
RDEL & CDEL								
	Hard FM £m	Soft FM £m	PFI £m	Rent/Rates £m	Utilities £m	Accm £m	Projects £m	Total £m
Fort George	0.664	0.280	0.260	0.122	0.366			1.692
Kinloss	5.292	1.745	0.500	1.603	1.888			11.028
Financial Year 2013-14								
RDEL & CDEL								
	Hard FM £m	Soft FM £m	PFI £m	Rent/Rates £m	Utilities £m	Accm £m	Projects £m	Total £m
Fort George	2.075	0.287	0.238	0.126	0.475			3.201
Kinloss	6.649	1.622	0.577	1.649	1.838			12.335
Financial Year 2014-15								
RDEL & CDEL								
	Hard FM £m	Soft FM £m	PFI £m	Rent/Rates £m	Utilities £m	Accm £m	Projects £m	Total £m
Fort George	0.604	0.288	0.206	0.128	0.489			1.715
Kinloss	1.704	1.766	0.612	1.688	1.783			7.553
Financial Year 2015-16								
RDEL & CDEL								
	Hard FM £m	Soft FM £m	PFI £m	Rent/Rates £m	Utilities £m	Accm £m	Projects £m	Total £m
Fort George	0.994	0.288	0.248	0.131	0.580			2.241
Kinloss	3.746	1.693	0.600	1.726	1.716			9.481

Acronyms

RDEL = Resource Department Expenditure Limit

CDEL = Capital Department Expenditure Limit

Hard FM = Hard Facilities Management

Soft FM = Soft Facilities Management

PFI = Private Finance Initiative

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note in the table containing the spend for the MOD sites in Scotland Fort George and Kinloss:

- The complete costs for Financial Year 2011-12 are not available.
- Financial Year 2014-15 are estimated figure for running costs due to a change in service provider part way through the year. Funding injections have been added to arrive at the total.
- Figures in bold are estimates. Some costs cannot be attributed to specific sites.

You may also find it helpful to note that the MOD only holds information on the spend on void properties in Scotland in the Financial Year 2015-16 because of the change in service provider in 2015. Normally the MOD would not hold these figures as it doesn't manage the estate to this level.

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, 2nd Floor, Zone N, 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