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Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your letter of 24 December 2015 requesting the following information:

"I would be grateful if you could provide me a copy of the asbestos registers for as far back as records go for the following sites

*HMS Condor (RM Condor)
Royal Naval Arms Depot, Beith (sic)
Royal Ordnance Factory in Bishopston, Renfrewshire
RAF Edzell..."*

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 enclosed, below, at annex A and B, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data), of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the MOD no longer owns the then Royal Ordnance Factory in Bishopston or RAF Edzell and historical information for these sites is not held. Similarly the MOD only has the most up to date register for Royal Naval Arms Depot, Beith, as older ones are held by previous MOD contractors.

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). 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