



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear

Thank you for your email of 25 February 2016 requesting the following information:

*“... whether in the period from December 2015 and 18 February 2016 you have been notified of any mammals being killed by the Royal artillery Hunt and/or any instances where the digging out of any foxes by that hunt has taken place.”*

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 and that the Department holds one such notification.

You have not requested any specific information but, under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), I can confirm that the Department was notified of one accidental fox killing in that period.

The Department issues licences for trail hunting which is a permitted activity under the Hunting Act 2004. In addition, the Department requires the hunt to provide details of any incidents where mammals are killed and uses this data to identify any trends which may warrant investigation to ensure compliance with the licence.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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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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