



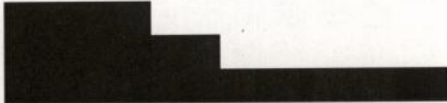
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Dear

Thank you for your e-mail of 26 September where you requested information about:

*'I would like to know why an MPGS soldier is only given 90 days notice to leave when he signs off? Especially if you are entitled to receive the full resettlement packages plus terminal leave and possibly need to find a job and home. It can be very hard to sort out your transition to civilian life in such a short period of time. For example, if you need to apply for social housing, which you can do up to 6 months before you leave, you cannot submit applications without a discharge date, therefore having to leave the stress of finding social housing within your last 3 months, or more realistically less than that by the time Glasgow action your discharge request.*

*Is there any reason this cannot be changed to at least 6 months to allow soldiers good time to transition properly to civilian life?'*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Following a search of our recorded information I have established that the information you have requested is held by the MOD and can be summarised as follows:

*90 days is the minimum notice an MPGS soldier can give when terminating their Service, but longer notice periods are allowed and welcomed by the Service as it allows succession planning. In addition, when MPGS soldiers are within their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of service, they are informed whether they are to be given a new engagement, normally six months prior to the end of their current engagement, in order to assist with planning for the future. Compliant applications for further Service which meet the necessary conditions, such as medical standards and positive written recommendations, are normally confirmed within 10 days of receipt.'*

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd 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. Providing the applicant with all the information requested.



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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat