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Dear

Thank you for your email of 10 November 2015 requesting the following information:

"What proportion of MOD estates houses (MOD properties) in the CT21 6QS postcode had 250cm of loft insulation in 2010?

What proportion in 2015/last measure?

In what year might the MOD have all MOD properties in this post code with 250cm of loft insulation?

Background reason for question: Properties in CT21 6QS are 1/3 Housing Association, 1/3 Private, and 1/3 MOD, yet basically the same terrace built designs, with very square very solidly built houses, with equally square and I am told very easy to insulate lofts. I am aware that knowledge of the ecological specifications of properties held by large public sector estates is frequently non existent, with little other than name, address, value and rent held centrally (Housing associations frequently know almost nothing about the properties they own). As a result I am guessing that these 'easy' properties for easy savings in CO2 and bills may have been overlooked for loft insulation in the past. This would be a great shame as probably low lying fruit.

I am aware that these properties are not necessarily lived in all the time and the MOD estates budgets are stretched. On the other hand I understand these lofts are pretty simple jobs for insulation teams now dealing with much more difficult layouts, shoddier construction and older buildings nationwide. So there is a potential for quick returns for simple jobs."

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note there are four MOD properties within the postcode stated: two of which currently have 270mm of loft insulation; one has 150mm; and the other has 100mm of loft insulation. Works were carried out from 2008-

2012 to bring all MOD properties up to the standard of 270mm of insulation subject to access being granted by the occupants. The MOD was not given access to the two properties with lower levels of loft insulation, the works will be carried out when the properties are next void.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat