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Dear ,

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

"I understand that the MoD has recently awarded its contract to provide SSSA for military personnel serving in London, under certain conditions, to Mears Ltd. I seek the following answers under the FOI:

- How long has the contract been awarded for?
- What is the total cost of the contract to the MoD?
- What are the criteria applied by Mears Ltd when selecting a property?
- How much is allocated at each rank for hiring a property per month?
- Is this allocation just for rental or does it include bills etc?
- Are different areas of London allocated different levels of financial allocation?
- If so, what are these levels of allocation?"

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 of the information, in scope of your request is held.

How long has the contract been awarded for?

The contract has been awarded for three years with options to extend by up to a further two years.

What is the total cost of the contract to the MOD?

This information is not held, but under Section 16 Advice and Assistance, the total value of the contract will be determined by future demand for properties.

What are the criteria applied by Mears Ltd when selecting a property?

This information is not held, but under Section 16 Advice and Assistance, Mears are not responsible for setting the criteria; they are responsible for meeting the contractual requirement.

How much is allocated at each rank for hiring a property per month?

No limit is set in respect of rank; the cost of a property is based on its location and type.

Is this allocation just for rental or does it include bills etc?

The allocation or bandings cover rental only.

Are different areas of London allocated different levels of financial allocation?

London is classed as one area, the only variation being via property type and/or banding.

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,

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