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Email [REDACTED]

Our ref: 2015/08174  
Your ref:

Date: 7 October 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 20 September 2015 requesting the following information:

*"When the Secretary of State for Defence will be exiting the Fort Halstead property, Sevenoaks, Kent. I understand the Defence Science Technology Laboratory, DSTL reside in the property currently.*

*Local newspaper reports previously suggested that a move would take place this year although more recently 2018 has been reported. A planning application to redevelop the property gained consent on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September, but the actual exit of DSTL is still rather unknown. I would be grateful if you would confirm the position".*

We are 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 we can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Dstl is aiming to relocate from Fort Halstead by the end of 2018.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, 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](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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Yours sincerely,

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