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Dear

Thank you for your email of 22 March 2016 requesting the following information:

"Freedom of Information request for Service Family Accommodation in the Gosport, Hampshire Area in the period 2014 to 2016 with respect to the following:

- 1. The Total number of Service Family Accommodation (SFA) Houses that were/are let to PSTATCAT 2 Personnel.*
- 2. The number of those who occupy SFA, as PSTATCAT 2, that have had any checks on their eligibility by external non-parent unit auditors.*
- 3. Detail of External Audits carried out on eligibility status of personnel using the PSTATCAT system.*
- 4. The number of evictions and disciplinary actions carried out on in-eligible personnel fraudulently claiming PSTATCAT 2 Status."*

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

I am writing to confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds some of the information on the subject you have requested. However, I have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because to locate, retrieve and extract the information in scope of your request would involve at least some 4 days of effort.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you reduce or refine your request to bring the cost of compliance under the limit. For example, if you were to refine question 1 of your request to a specific month. Please contact me if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note in regards to question 2 and 3 of your request I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held

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 DIO Secretariat 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, 1st Floor, 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,

DIO Secretariat