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Dear

Thank you for your email of 15 February 2016 requesting the following information:

*"Could you please provide the following information regarding PFI properties or any other MOD living accommodation at*

- How many properties are there?*
- How many are occupied (as of today's date)?*
- How many are currently empty and have been empty for more than 90 days?*
- How many have been empty for more than 6 months?*
- How many have been empty for more than 365 days?*
- How many are occupied by non entitled personnel?*
- How many officers live there?*
- How many other ranks live there?*
- How much does the MOD pay for each property per year (broken down into each grade and type)?"*

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found enclosed at annex A (correct at 19 February 2016) but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at Section 43 (Commercial Interests), where release of this information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. As such it is necessary for us to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Section 43 is a qualified exemption and is subject to a Public Interest Test.

A Public Interest Test has been conducted in connection to your request for information in regards to the amount MOD pays for each property per year and the balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding any information in respect of your contract costs request.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

- How many properties are there? There are 182 properties.
- How many are occupied? 144 are occupied.
- How many are currently empty, and have been empty for more than 90 days? There are 38 empty properties, of which 20 have been empty for more than 90 days.
- How many have been empty for more than 6 months? 9 properties have been empty for more than 6 months.
- How many have been empty for more than 365 days? 1 property has been empty for more than 365 days.
- How many are occupied by non-entitled personnel? 2 properties were occupied by non-entitled personnel.
- How many Officers live there? 142 Officers live there.
- How many Other Ranks live there? No Other Ranks lived there.