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Dear

Thank you for your email of 26 January 2017 requesting the following information:

- “1. What was the total amount that the MoD spent on renting residential properties for its employees in each of the following financial years? (2013/14), (2014/15) and (2015/16).
2. Taking the most convenient date available please state the number of residential properties owned by the MoD in the UK that were listed as vacant? How many of these were recorded as having been vacant for 12 months or more?
3. What were the 50 most expensive substitute (a) service family and (b) single living accommodation properties rented out taken from the most convenient recent date? Please include where appropriate the number of occupants and the rank of each recipient as well as the weekly or monthly cost.”

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

I am writing to confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information in scope of your request. 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 retrieve and extract information in scope of your request would involve searching through thousands of individual records and would require at least some 10 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. It is important to note that if any part of a request would exceed the cost limit, the ICO's guidance states that 'public authorities should avoid providing the information found as a result of its searching and claiming Section 12 for the remainder of the information.

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 reduce your request at question 1 to determine the total amount spent on substitute service family accommodation during the stated financial years, or at question 2 to the number of vacant service family accommodation managed by the MOD in addition to question 3, the monthly cost of the 50 most expensive substitute service family accommodation or single living accommodation.

Additionally during the consideration of this request we have identified that you have submitted four separate requests over the last four years for the same information sought in part three of your request, for which the Department has not provided a substantive response; for which I apologise. Please find the information requested in your FOI requests, our references: FOI2013/00027; FOI2014/00676; FOI2015/00749; FOI2016/00960 enclosed at annex A

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Ground 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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

DIO Secretariat

Type	Rank	Rent paid by MOD (pcm)
SSFA	LT GEN	£8,480
SSFA	RADM	£5,930
SSFA	COL	£5,155
SSFA	SURG CDR	£4,562
SSFA	SQN LDR	£4,509
SSFA	LT COL	£4,143
SSFA	LT COL	£4,089
SSSA	MAJ	£3,722
SSFA	LT COL	£3,650
SSFA	SQN LDR	£3,506
SSFA	WG CDR	£3,500
SSFA	LT COL	£3,338
SSSA	CAPT	£3,300
SSFA	WG CDR	£3,275
SSFA	MAJ	£3,235
SSFA	WG CDR	£3,084
SSFA	MACR	£2,950
SSFA	CPL	£2,938
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,930
SSSA	SPR	£2,924
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,917
SSFA	LT CDR	£2,907
SSFA	Col	£2,850
SSFA	LT COL	£2,850
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,831
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,830
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,799
SSFA	PTE	£2,780
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,775
SSSA	CDR	£2,765
SSFA	MAJOR	£2,750
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,750
SSSA	LT	£2,681
SSFA	SCPL	£2,670
SSFA	LT COL	£2,665
SSSA	CAPT	£2,663
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,650
SSFA	Wg Cdr	£2,630
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,629
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,600
SSSA	PO	£2,590
SSSA	LT COL	£2,586
SSSA	WG CDR	£2,572
SSSA	FLT LT	£2,571
SSFA	MAJ	£2,570
SSSA	CDR	£2,563
SSSA	WO2	£2,531
SSSA	WO2	£2,527

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SSSA  
SSSA

MAJ  
WG CDR

£2,525  
£2,515

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Type	Rank	Property_Rent pcm
SSFA	LT GEN	£8,480
SSFA	RADM	£5,930
SSFA	COL	£5,155
SSFA	SQN LDR	£4,912
SSFA	SQN LDR	£4,509
SSFA	SURG CDR	£4,437
SSFA	LT COL	£4,143
SSFA	LT COL	£3,982
SSSA	CDR	£3,722
SSSA	MAJ	£3,722
SSFA	LT COL	£3,650
SSFA	SQN LDR	£3,506
SSFA	LT CDR	£3,505
SSFA	WG CDR	£3,500
SSSA	CAPT	£3,300
SSSA	CAPT	£3,300
SSFA	WG CDR	£3,275
SSFA	LT COL	£3,250
SSFA	FLT LT	£3,250
SSFA	MAJ	£3,235
SSFA	WG CDR	£3,000
SSFA	COL	£3,000
SSFA	MACR	£2,950
SSFA	CPL	£2,938
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,938
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,930
SSSA	SPR	£2,924
SSFA	LT COL	£2,850
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,838
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,831
SSFA	LT CDR	£2,831
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,830
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,799
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,775
SSSA	CDR	£2,765
SSSA	CDR	£2,765
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,750
SSFA	MAJOR	£2,750
SSFA	PTE	£2,707
SSSA	LT	£2,681
SSSA	LT	£2,681
SSSA	LT	£2,681
SSFA	SCPL	£2,670
SSSA	CAPT	£2,663

SSSA	CAPT	£2,663
SSSA	LT	£2,663
SSSA	CAPT	£2,663
SSSA	CAPT	£2,663
SSSA	CAPT	£2,663
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,650

Type	Rank	Property_Rent pcm
SSFA	RADM	£6,084
SSFA	SQN LDR	£4,613
SSFA	SURG CDR	£4,562
SSFA	LT COL	£4,089
SSSA	MAJ	£3,822
SSFA	COL	£3,822
SSFA	SQN LDR	£3,619
SSFA	WG CDR	£3,500
SSSA	CAPT	£3,383
SSFA	WG CDR	£3,357
SSFA	LT COL	£3,338
SSFA	MAJ	£3,316
SSFA	CPL	£3,018
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,917
SSFA	LT CDR	£2,907
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,901
SSFA	LT COL	£2,850
SSFA	COL	£2,850
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,839
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,819
SSFA	MAJOR	£2,819
SSSA	WG CDR	£2,760
SSSA	WG CDR	£2,760
SSSA	CDR	£2,760
SSSA	LT	£2,745
SSFA	SCPL	£2,737
SSSA	CAPT	£2,732
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,716
SSFA	LT COL	£2,665
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,665
SSSA	LT COL	£2,650
SSSA	FLT LT	£2,638
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,630
SSSA	MAJOR	£2,630
SSSA	CDR	£2,630
SSSA	SQN LDR	£2,608
SSSA	LH	£2,590
SSSA	CAPT	£2,588
SSSA	CDR	£2,578
SSSA	CAPT RN	£2,578
SSSA	WG CDR	£2,572
SSSA	CDR	£2,572
SSFA	MAJ	£2,570
SSSA	MAJ	£2,565
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,563

SSSA	CAPT RN	£2,540
SSSA	CDR	£2,539
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,531
SSSA	WO2	£2,531
SSSA	MAJ	£2,525



Type	Rank	Property_Rent pcm
SSFA	RADM	£6,145
SSFA	SURG CDR	£4,635
SSFA	LT COL	£4,134
SSFA	COL	£3,856
SSFA	MAJ GEN	£3,850
SSFA	SQN LDR	£3,619
SSSA	CAPT	£3,413
SSFA	WG CDR	£3,357
SSFA	LT CDR	£2,954
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,947
SSSA	LT COL / MAJ	£2,909
SSSA	MAJ	£2,890
SSSA	MAJ	£2,847
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,844
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,839
SSSA	WG CDR	£2,785
SSSA	CDR	£2,785
SSSA	SQN LDR	£2,780
SSSA	LT	£2,772
SSFA	SCPL	£2,761
SSFA	LT COL	£2,718
SSSA	FLT LT / SSGT	£2,664
SSSA	CDR / LT COL	£2,656
SSSA	MAJOR	£2,654
SSSA	FS / PO	£2,642
SSSA	WG CDR	£2,637
SSFA	WG CDR	£2,630
SSSA	MAJ	£2,630
SSSA	WO2	£2,613
SSSA	CDR	£2,604
SSSA	WG CDR	£2,598
SSSA	CDR / LT CDR	£2,595
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,586
SSSA	CAPT	£2,566
SSSA	CDR	£2,562
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,554
SSSA	SSGT	£2,531
SSSA	CDR / SQN LDR	£2,518
SSSA	MAJ	£2,518
SSSA	LT CDR	£2,515
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,507
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,500
SSFA	CHF TECH	£2,500
SSFA	LT COL	£2,500
SSFA	SQN LDR	£2,500
SSFA	LT COL	£2,500
SSSA	WG CDR	£2,497
SSSA	COL	£2,492

SSSA	LCPL / PTE	£2,485
SSSA	MAJ	£2,437