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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 December 2016 requesting the following information:

“Can you provide the source data, policy guidance, or any other evidence that confirms that the Northern Ireland Pan Geographical Classification includes travel times to key amenities within its calculation”

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

Under Section 21 of the Act (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) you will find the information on the NI Office web pages using the links below:

<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/geography/default.asp26.htm>

<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/geography/UrbanRural.htm>

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance); The level of data available for England to calculate Accessibility could not be replicated in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Therefore, the guidance document issued by MOD Chief of Defence People does not refer to the calculation for Northern Ireland.

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,

DIO Secretariat