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Our ref: 2017/03710  
Your ref:

Date: 12 April 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 March 2017 requesting the following information:

*“Please tell me how many inspections by the Home Office were carry out at Portland Down on animal welfare and Marmoset welfare in 2016. Please tell me how many unannounce inspections on Marmoset welfare were carry out by the Home Office in 2016”.*

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 I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

Our records show that the Home Office inspector made 8 visits to our Establishment during 2016. At each of these 8 visits he made unannounced inspections of several animal units, including marmoset units.

5 of these 8 visits were completely unannounced, with no-one at our Establishment being aware of the visit in advance.

The remaining 3 of the 8 had an element that was pre-arranged, for example because the inspector had arranged meetings with licence holders and / or had made advance arrangements to be accompanied by colleagues.

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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, 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 normally 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, <https://ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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