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Email to: ██████████ ██████████

26 January 2017

Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email of 31 December 2016 in which you requested the following information:

*"Please can I request correspondence between the MOD and Rangers Football Club regarding the arrangements for the Armed Forces Day event 2016. All correspondence by any means (including any MOD employee acting on this matter from any email account).*

*Can I further request copies of minutes, emails or any other memos etc internally from within the MOD discussing the arrangements for the event. Including but not limited to measures discussed in relation to avoiding negative publicity.*

*I also wish to request copies of correspondence with regards safety considerations in relation to the event including the abseiling event from the stadium roof."*

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We do not hold information on the Ibrox/Rangers Football Club event you refer to.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to know this event was a stand alone event and not organised as part of the official national Armed Forces Day celebrations. The MOD deal primarily with events that request grant funding, a condition of which is that the event must be held one week either side of Armed Forces Day which was on 25 June 2016. Therefore this event occurring on 17 September 2016 would not have been eligible.

In addition, you may wish to note that we do not routinely discuss or consider the organisation of local events, other than to ensure that they comply with the guidance available at: [www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/register-your-event](http://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/register-your-event)

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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,

Defence People Secretariat