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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 05 February 2017 requesting the following information:

'Under the Freedom of Information Act can you please provide me with some basic statistics and figures on the following:

- 1. How much Freehold land does the MOD currently own that is not in use?*
- 2. How much of that unused Freehold land is in England?'*

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 below:

1. How much Freehold land does the MOD currently own that is not in use?

All Freehold land owned by the MOD is held either for operational purposes or pending disposal. MOD publishes the amount of land it owns. Some MOD land may not overly appear to have a distinct use, for example it may be used as a range safety area, in order to ensure safety of personnel and the public. The overall area of land pending disposal is currently 2,240 Hectares.

2. How much of that unused Freehold land is in England?

Of the 2,240 Hectares of land pending disposal, 2,060 Hectares of land is within England. A proportion of this area is currently under contract for disposal with Land Sales Delivery Partners.

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