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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 29 March in which you requested the following information:

"Under the previous "Army 2020" plan, the Foot Guards regiments would rotate between ceremonial duties, light infantry and mechanised infantry. The Guardsmen would rotate between various barracks for these roles. Can I ask if this will be the case under "Army 2020 Refine" given that 1 Scots Guards is allocated as a MIV regiment?"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and provided below:

1st Battalion Scots Guards are a mechanised infantry battalion that are not currently in a State Ceremonial and Public Duties role. This does not change under Army 2020 (Refine) plans, which see the battalion transferring to the new Strike capability. The other Foot Guards battalions will continue to rotate between providing the State Ceremonial and Public Duties task and as light role infantry battalions. They will do this from barracks that are close enough to London that they will not need to relocate when they do so.

Additionally, you may be interested to know that the Foot Guards maintain three companies – Nijmegen Company, Grenadier Guards; No 7 Company Coldstream Guards; and F Company, Scots Guards - to serve as permanent public duties units in London where they are based. These are independent of the operational battalions.

Under Section 16 (Advice & Assistance), you should note that while the Scots Guards are likely to operate the new Mechanised Infantry Vehicle in the future, we would not refer to them as a 'MIV regiment'.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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