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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22 May 2018 requesting the following information:

"the current number (May '18) of OSFA Type IV, in the Fareham Area (Seafield Park and Lee-On-Solent), that are currently occupied by individuals where these properties are not commensurate with their entitlement - please separate into those where the Type IV falls 'above entitlement' and those that sit 'below entitlement'.

Additionally, what is the laid down justification to support JSP 464 Vol 1 Pt 1 Para 0338 that allows only RAF personnel to "opt out of one down" mindful that "a condition of service" is not adequate justification."

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

I can confirm that 4 Type IV properties in the Seafield Park and Lee-On-Solent area are occupied where the SFA is not commensurate with their entitlement. I can confirm that 3 of these Service Family Accommodation (SFA) are occupied above entitlement and 1 is occupied below.

The current Accommodation Policy has been developed in consultation with the 3 Services and wherever possible it is applied Tri-Service. Occasionally there will be times when the 3 services disagree or have an accommodation issue or view that is only relevant for one of the services (for example the Guards Corridor for the Army or Naval Port Areas for the Royal Navy). In these situations, there may be tri-service agreement to include a single Service clause – the one down rule is one such example. The RAF chose to opt out of the one down rule as they felt it would erode what they determine to be an entitlement rather than an eligibility to a certain scale of accommodation. The Army and Royal Navy did not share this view but were content for the RAF to opt out.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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