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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 15 February 2018 requesting the following information:

- “1. Whether any new and/or refurbished married quarters have been made available for members the MOD services or for any other MOD employees in Gibraltar for the financial year 2017/18;*
- 2. If any new and/ or refurbished existing married quarters for members of the MOD services or any other MOD employees have been provided in Gibraltar in the financial year 2017/18, the amount expended that year projects that allowed these married quarters to be available;*
- 3. Whether any new and/or refurbished single quarters/barracks have been made available for members the MOD services or for any other MOD employees in Gibraltar for the financial years 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and/or 2017/18;*
- 4. If any new and/ or refurbished existing single quarters/barracks for members of the MOD services or any other MOD employees have been provided in Gibraltar in the financial years 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and/or 2017/18, the amount expended that year projects that allowed these married quarters to be available.”*

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.

In response to questions 1 and 2, no new or refurbished Service Family Accommodation (SFA) have been made available for MOD employees in Gibraltar for the financial year 2017/2018.

In response to questions 3 and 4, the information is not held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Government of Gibraltar (GOG) is working to construct new SFA in Gibraltar. These will not be ready in this financial year and the costs are not yet known.

MOD has started to refurbish properties to MOD Decent Home Standards in 2017/2018. This will take a number of years to complete and as yet no individual SFA property has been completed.

There has been a reprovision of Officers Single Living Accommodation but this was funded by GOG. The objective of this work is the reprovision of existing facilities in a smaller MOD footprint. This means that existing facilities can be returned to GOG for reuse within the Gibraltar community.

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,

DIO Secretariat