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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 29 May 2018 requesting the following information:

"My Freedom of Information Request relates to Swynnerton Defence Training Estate, Cold Meece, Staffordshire and the general MOD policy on units selling alcohol or running bars.

1. *What is the MOD policy on bars including the sale of alcohol on Defence Training Estate?*
2. *Can you provide details of how the facility to sell alcohol on the camp was advertised/tendered in a fair manner?*
3. *Can you provide information on the name and registered company details of the company running the bar?*
5. *Has the TSO for Swynnerton declared any interest in the company currently running the bar?*
7. *What is the mean profit margin for items sold in the bar?*
4. *What percentage of the profits go back in to the MOD or training estate?*
6. *Does the TSO receive any personal financial reward from the providers of the bar facility?*
8. *Please provide relevant policy / contract clauses preventing visiting units from running their own mess facility to service their personnel in a more cost effective manner."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We previously wrote to you on 26 June 2018 to inform you that we were considering whether the information was in the scope of the Section 38 Health and Safety exemption and the Section 43 Commercially Sensitive exemption. I can now confirm that the information does not fall within the scope of either of these exemptions.

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.

Question 1 and 8:

There is no overarching policy regarding the sale of alcohol on Defence Training Estate (DTE). Each DTE location holds a localised standing order which outlines the policy on the sale and consumption of alcohol for that specific location.

Question 2:

The provision of bar services was not included in the National Training Estate Prime (NTEP) contract. There has been no formal tender for the provision of bar services at Swynnerton DTE.

Question 3:

Outside Inns Limited
The Anchor Inn
Teanford
Staffordshire
ST10 4EW

Question 4 and 6:

10% of any Profit generated (inclusive of VAT) is paid into the Swynnerton Non- Public Funds Account to provide Welfare Facilities for all Visitors to Swynnerton Camp via the Training Safety Officer.

Question 5:

No.

Question 7:

Information is not held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Standing Order which is localised policy at Swynnerton, prohibit visiting units from bringing alcohol on to the site. This is to ensure a controlled environment for alcohol consumption is firmly in place; the MOD recognise their duty of care in ensuring their personnel are fit and healthy to safeguard the delivery of defence outputs.

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

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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat