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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your further email of 26 October 2018 requesting the following information:

'In the spirit of FOI legislation all areas of land in ownership of MOD irrespective of its current use need to be considered. Only this approach will give a purposive answer to my FOI submitted on 5 August:

Please treat this request as a Freedom of Information request. The Ministry of Defence has property in Northern Ireland on the edge of Belfast and Belfast's harbour estate, County Down.

- 1. At what stage is the transfer of land of MoD property to the Belfast Harbour Commissioners?*
- 2. What is the size and nature of the land earmarked for this transfer?*
- 3. What government departments have been contacted prior to this land transfer being set in motion?*
- 4. Please give a timeline, including when and how this land transfer was first mooted.*
- 5. Please give details of the financial parameters, i.e. estimated property value of land due to be transferred, expected benefit for The Crown etc.'*

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that currently, there has been no transfer of MOD land to the Belfast Harbour Commissioners. Please note that in my previous responses of 9 August 2018 and of 23 August 2018 I asked you to clarify your request to enable me to provide further information in respect of your request, given that your FOIA request may refer to two different sites. The MOD has identified two pieces of land which your request may be in reference to; these are Moscow Camp, which is currently leased by the MOD from the Belfast Harbour Commissioners and Kinnegar Logistics Base which is MOD land

due for disposal in 2022. Kinnegar Logistics Base is not due to be transferred to the Belfast Harbour Commissioners. If you could let us know if it is one of these sites you are requesting further information for, I will be happy to provide a reply to any further queries.

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-FOL-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,

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