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Ref: FOI/2018/04179

Dear [REDACTED]

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

- a copy of the current edition of the noise budget spreadsheet for wind turbines within 50km of the Eskdalemuir seismic array;
- the date on which the noise budget spreadsheet was last reviewed;
- identification, for each project listed in the spreadsheet, of whether it was added to the noise budget as a result of:
  - (a) pre-application direct consultation of the MoD by the developer;
  - (b) a scoping or screening request submitted to the planning authority;
  - (c) consultation with the MoD following submission of a planning application;
  - (d) at another stage in the planning process.

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.

- a copy of the current edition of the noise budget spreadsheet for wind turbines within 50km of the Eskdalemuir seismic array;

The information you have requested can be found attached at Annex A.

- the date on which the noise budget spreadsheet was last reviewed;

5 April 2018.

- identification, for each project listed in the spreadsheet, of whether it was added to the noise budget as a result of:

- (a) pre-application direct consultation of the MoD by the developer;

Pre-application consultations made directly by developers to the MOD are not allocated budget.

- (b) a scoping or screening request submitted to the planning authority;

Scoping and screening consultations submitted via local planning authorities are not allocated budget.

- (c) consultation with the MoD following submission of a planning application;
- (d) at another stage in the planning process.

Only full applications for wind turbine developments submitted via the Town and Country Planning process and consultations received as part of the progression of schemes submitted under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 consenting process or the progression of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects are assigned budget. These are identified in Annex A.

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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