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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of requesting the following information:

"I wish to make a Freedom of Information request for the following:

- 1. Who owns the land, if not the MOD / Civil Service then when did it pass over to Portsmouth City Council or other hands and who are they? Contact details of them. I understand as the MOD is government that any sale would effectively go to the public purse and as a UK national I feel that I should have a right to know details of any sale (with regard to if it has occurred, and to whom).*
- 2. If it is still under MOD ownership and control, then what are the contact details (Address, contact telephone numbers and E-Mail) for who deals with these ranges, sets them up, takes care of them, deals with any range bookings and controls them. I understand that there is the physical address of the actual Tipnor ranges, but there must also be a head office (Address, contact telephone numbers and E-Mail) as well, and I also request these, as there may be no one actually at the range to pick up the phone or answer any written queries.*
- 3. What does the MOD / Civil Service charge for private use of these ranges?*
- 4. What training, skills, qualifications (other than ownership of a Firearms Certificate FAC) are needed to be allowed to fire on these ranges as a civilian shooter.*
- 5. any date, if known, of the future sale of this land.*

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.

The information you have requested can be found below:

Question 1

Tipnor Ranges is currently in MOD ownership. MOD exchanged contracts with Portsmouth City Council for the sale of the site in 2014; however this has not completed. Contact details: DIOODC-LMSCenS@mod.gov.uk>

Question 2

Ranges controlled by:

HQ Defence Training Estate South East
Longmoor Camp
Liss
Hampshire
GU336EL
Telephone Training Safety Officer 01420 48 3331
Email; Jonathan.Craig107@mod.gov.uk

Maintenance:

Area Delivery Manager
Landmarc Support Services
Longmoor Camp
Liss
Hampshire
GU336EL
Telephone 01420 483396 email; scottwilliams@landmarc.mod.uk

Bookings:

Account Manger
Landmarc Support Services
Longmoor Camp
Liss
Hampshire
GU336EL
Telephone 01420 483497 email; kayemclone@landmarc.mod.uk

Question 3

Non electric target ranges are £36 per lane (minimum 2 lanes), electric target ranges range £37 per lane (minimum 4 lanes), indoor range £60 per lane (minimum 4 lanes) plus range operative time (£28.71ph single time, £32.09ph time and a half, £42.78ph double time).

Question 4

Civilians must be a member of National Governing Body (NGB) and the Club (Chairman) have Home Office approval. The Chairman of the club must agree to:

- follow the NGB Safe Shooting System
- certify all members who request to be certified who they judge to be safe and competent
- ensure that NGB Range Conducting Officers' acting for the club are qualified competent and experienced to do so
- ensure that anyone shooting with the club holds a valid certificate of competence from a club affiliated to the NGB
- any new members will complete an NGB approved probationary training course or provide evidence that they have previously completed such a course or been exempted from the

requirement to do so within the constraints of the Home Office Approval scheme for rifle clubs

- maintain adequate records of training and certification for audit by the NGB or MOD

Question 5

Tipnor Ranges will be disposed of once the replacement range at Longmoor is complete, this is currently planned for September 2019.

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If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat