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Dear

Thank you for your email of 27 January 2019 requesting the following information:

*"I would like to make a Freedom of Information request concerning land sales by the MoD to Dyson. When referring to Dyson, I mean all the companies that are owned by and subsidiaries of Weybourne Group Ltd, or otherwise owned by Sir James Dyson and his family. This includes Beeswax Dyson Farming Ltd.*

*Please can you disclose:*

- Any and all land sales by the MoD to entities within the Dyson group of companies as described above;
- The size of the properties sold, date and value (£) of these transactions;
- Were any discounts applied to the land valuations."

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.

36.73 hectares of land (including 4 hangars) at Hullavington Airfield was sold to Weybourne Properties Ltd on 31 January 2017. The sale price was £3.5M, I can confirm no discounts were applied.

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](mailto: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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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,

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