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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 29 January 2019 requesting the following information:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request the following information related to the MOD's fruitless payment of rent for 182 demolished properties:

- 1. To whom was this rent paid;*
- 2. Over what period of time was this rent paid;*
- 3. Why was this rent still required to be paid in light of the required demolition of the properties?"*

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 enclosed, below:

- 1. To whom was this rent paid;*

Annington Property Ltd.

- 2. Over what period of time was this rent paid;*

The rental payments provided reflect two instalments paid as part of the quarterly rental payments for FY 2018/19.

- 3. Why was this rent still required to be paid in light of the required demolition of the properties?*

Rent continues to be paid in accordance with the lease agreed in 1996 between Annington Property Ltd and MOD'.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the properties in question form part of the sale and leaseback arrangement between the MOD and Annington Property Limited entered into in 1996.

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.

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