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Ref. FOI 2018/12702 & FOI12707

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 4 October 2018 requesting the following information under reference FOI12702:

"The reason for my enquiry is that we develop large scale solar farms and have developed numerous throughout the UK for such purposes. All sites to date have been previous airfields that have been in MOD ownership at some point over time. The sites we develop can range from 100-250 acres. We would like a list of disused MOD test sites/disused bases which you may have previously sold on, within England and Wales, i.e. a list of site addresses and even who they were sold on to, if that is available please."

And your further letter of 4 October 2018 requesting the following information under reference FOI 12707:

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I am treating your correspondences 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 the information in scope of your requests is held. I have combined both FOI requests as the information you have requested for both requests can be found attached at Annex A, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at sections 21 (reasonably accessible by other means) and has been withheld. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access details of the purchasers via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/search-property-information-land-registry>

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the information provided is for all sales since 2005 of sites in excess of 100 hectares, which may meet your business requirement.

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

Financial Year of sale	Establishment	Address	Town	County	Country	Postcode	Area Ha	Purchaser
2017/18	Lodge Hill Camp and Traing Area	Lodge Hill,	Rochester	Kent	England	ME3 8NZ	325	Homes England
2017/18	Yantlet Demolition Range	Yantlet Range	Isle of Grain	Kent	England	ME3 0BG	159	Private company/individual
2016/17	Chalgrove Airfield	Marley Road	Chalgrove	Oxfordshire	England	OX9 7RJ	256	Homes England
2016/17	Buckley Barracks	Church Lane	Hullavington	Wiltshire	England	SN14 6BT	119	Private company/individual
2015/16	Waterbeach Barracks/Airfield	Denny End Road	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire	England	CB25 9QE	291	DIO Development Partner
2015/16	Wyton Airfield	Wyton	Huntingdon	Cambridgeshire	England	PE28 2EA	254	DIO Development Partner
2014/15	Hazebrouck Barracks	Biggs Lane	Arborfield	Berkshire	England	RG2 9NJ	124	DIO Development Partner
2014/15	St David's Barracks.	A.41	Bicester	Oxfordshire	England	OX26 6HE	187	Cherwell District Council
2014/15	RAF Kirton in Lindsey	South Cliff Road	Kirton in	North Lincolnshire	England	DN21 4HY	124	Private individual
2014/15	RAF Church Fenton	RAF Church Fenton	Church Fenton	North Yorkshire	England	LS24 9SE	183	Private company/individual
2013/14	Old Park Training Area	Littlebourne Rd	Canterbury	Kent	England	CT1 1TW	83	Private company/individual
2013/14	Radio Station Site	Milltown Lossiemouth	Lossiemouth	Morayshire	Scotland	IV30 8NQ	198	Private company/individual
2012/13	RAF Bicester Airfield	Skimmingdish Lane	Bicester	Oxfordshire	England	OX26 5HA	143	Private company/individual
2012/13	RAF Machrihanish	RAF Machrihanish	Machrihanish	Argyll & Bute	Scotland	PA28 6NU	415	Local Community Group
2011/12	Shackleton Barracks	Main Street	Ballykelly	Co Londonderry	Northern Ireland	BT49	291	Northern Ireland Executive
2011/12	Fulbeck Training Area	Stragglet horpe Lane	Stragglet horpe	Lincolnshire	England	LN5 0RL	271	Private company/individual
2011/12	Stradishall Training Area	Newmarket	Stradishall	Suffolk	England	CB8 9HS	99	Private company/individual
2010/11	RAF Sealand	Weighbridge Road	SEALAND nr CONNAHS QUAY	Flintshire	Wales	CH5	100	Private company/individual
2009/10	Alconbury Airfield JV (414 Ha)	RAF Alconbury	Alconbury	Cambs	England	PE28 4WX	414	Private company/individual

2008/09	RNAD Broughton Moor	Broughton Moor	Maryport	Cumbria	England	CA17	435	Allerdale Borough Council
2008/09	St Mawgan Airfield	RAF St Mawgan	Newquay	Cornwall	England	TR8 4 HP	207	Cornwall County Council
2007/08	Farnborough Airfield	Farnborough Airport	Aldershot	Hampshire	England	GU14 6YU	225	Private company/individual
2007/08	Training Area	Connaught Barracks, Guston Road	Dover	Kent	England	CT16 1HL	126	Private company/individual
2006/07	RAF West Raynham	RAF West Raynham	West Raynham	Norfolk	England	NR21 7DE	427	Private company/individual
2006/07	RAF Coltishall	RAF Coltishall	Norwich	Norfolk	England	NR10 5AJ	263	Private company/individual
2006/07	DMC Depot	Dean Hill	West Dean	Hampshire	England	SP5 1EY	156	Private company/individual
2005/06	Llanbedr	LLANBEDR	LLANBEDR	Gwynedd	Wales	LL45 2PX	230	Welsh Dev Agency
2005/06	RAF Chelveston Airfield	Caldecott	Rushden	Northants	England	Not Listed	306	Private company/individual
2005/06	Oakington Barracks/Airfield	Rampton Drift	Longstanton	Cambs	England	CB4 5QA	290	Homes England
2005/06	Heyford Park	Upper Heyford	Bicester	Oxfordshire	England	OX25 5HD	506	Private company/individual
2005/06	HMS Daedalus Airfield	Lee-on-the-Solent	Gosport & Fareham	Hampshire	England	PO13 9YA	103	MCA
2005/06	HMS Daedalus Technical Area	Lee-on-the-Solent	Gosport & Fareham	Hampshire	England	PO13 9YA	84	SEEDA