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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 15 May 2019 requesting the following information:

"How many people that leave the armed forces ask for permission to remain in their quarter for a period of time after their final day of Service?"

How many of these requests are denied?

If everyone who had asked to stay had been allowed, on the basis of £600 PCM rent,

how much money would the MOD have saved?

How many quarters are left unoccupied for more than three months?"

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

For the following questions, information in relation to your query is not held:

- *How many people that leave the armed forces ask for permission to remain in their quarter for a period of time after their final day of Service?*
- *How many of these requests are denied?*
- *If everyone who had asked to stay had been allowed, on the basis of £600 PCM rent, how much money would the MOD have saved?*

With regard to your final question -

- *How many quarters are left unoccupied for more than three months?"*

11,682 Service Family Accommodation properties were unoccupied for 90 days or more during 2018/19.

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,

DIO Secretariat