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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2019 requesting the following information:

"I would be grateful if you could supply details of the following:

1) For the two years prior to the April 2017 closure of Friday Woods car park (off Bounstead Road, Colchester) on how many separate occasions was Friday Woods Training Area booked/used by the MOD for training purposes? A list of the dates would also be most helpful, if available.

2) For the same period, on how many separate occasions was Friday Woods Training Area booked or formally used by civilian organisations? Again a list of dates would be appreciated, if possible.

3) Please supply the same information as in point one, but for the period since the April 2017 closure of Friday Woods car park.

4) Please supply the same information as in point two, but for the period since the April 2017 closure of Friday Woods car park."

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 some information, in scope of your request is held.

The information in relation to the specific dates is not held in the format requested.

The information you have requested in relation to usage can be found below,

FRIDAY WOODS/DONYLAND A,B,C,D & E	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
OCCASIONS USED	2192	1525	1526	1310
MILITARY USAGE	2181	1463	1525	1309
CIVILIAN USAGE	11	62	1	1
INDIVIDUAL DAYS USED	338	355	361	334

Please Note: Civilian usage is only the official bookings and there may be multiple bookings on one day.

2018/19 – Figures provided up to end of January 2019.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat