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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 April 2019 requesting the following information:

- “1) The proportion of SFA broken down by type (i.e. I-V, and A-D) in each 4TG at the point that CAAS was brought in.
- 2) The proportion of SFA broken down by type (i.e. I-V, and A-D) in each CAAS band (the final band, not any transitional band being charged during the change over from 4TG to CAAS) currently.
- 3) A breakdown of the proportion of SFA broken down by type (i.e. I-V, and A-D) in each of the 3 components of CAAS (i.e. how many are DH+/DH/DH-, Upper/Intermediate/Lower scale and Remote/Intermediate/Urban location)
- 4) The total rent collected on all SFA annually immediately before CAAS being brought in, and at present.
- 5) The number of challenges to the CAAS bands of houses each year since the system was brought in, and the number successful in changing the band at stage 1, and stage 2.”

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 and can be found below.

- 1) The proportion of SFA broken down by type (i.e. I-V, and A-D) in each 4TG at the point that CAAS was brought in.**

Number of SFA by Type and 4TG Grade prior to introduction of CAAS (as of 01/03/2016)

4TG Grade	SFA Type										
	1	2	3	4	5	5S	A2	B	C	D	DS
1	26	57	229	456	202	54		279	3954	938	1
2	27	126	840	1644	1083	358		1799	6451	1170	7
3	15	95	810	1405	1744	398		3848	8973	1480	7
4		50	170	315	504	43	6	3961	5431	741	1
Not recorded				1				14	2		
Grand Total	68	328	2049	3821	3533	853	6	9901	24811	4329	16

- 2) The proportion of SFA broken down by type (i.e. I-V, and A-D) in each CAAS band (the final band, not any transitional band being charged during the change over from 4TG to CAAS) currently.

Number of SFA by Type and Current Final CAAS Band (as of 01/05/19)

Current Final CAAS Band	SFA Type										
	1	2	3	4	5	5S	A2	B	C	D	DS
A	1	6	285	558	347	75		734	2994	512	1
B	7	39	486	1039	992	162		2331	7577	1357	15
C	18	82	718	1554	1386	369	4	3861	10327	1881	28
D	8	41	170	237	291	98	2	1497	1811	238	9
E	26	105	245	309	373	111		796	1215	203	5
F	4	17	51	53	78	8		194	314	47	1
G	4	31	56	58	55	24		106	245	31	
H	1	1	6	3	3			55	53		
I								5	4		
Not recorded	1		14	22	51	12		137	123	9	
Grand Total	70	322	2031	3833	3576	859	6	9716	24663	4278	59

- 3) A breakdown of the proportion of SFA broken down by type (i.e. I-V, and A-D) in each of the 3 components of CAAS (i.e. how many are DH+/DH/DH-, Upper/Intermediate/Lower scale and Remote/Intermediate/Urban location)

Information as at 03/05/2019

Property Count by Type by Condition

SFA Type	DH+	DH	DH-	Total
1	14	41	14	69
2	117	149	57	323
3	1490	425	102	2017
4	3175	519	118	3812
5	3342	861	169	4372
A	6	0	0	6
B	8538	865	176	9579
C	22232	1887	457	24576
D	3984	288	58	4330
Total	42898	5035	1151	49084

Property Count by Type by Scale

SFA Type	Upper	Middle	Lower	Total
1	68	1	0	69
2	286	35	2	323
3	1860	118	39	2017
4	3588	170	54	3812

5	4112	206	54	4372
A	0	4	2	6
B	5941	2586	1052	9579
C	20872	3148	556	24576
D	3772	477	81	4330
Total	40499	6745	1840	49084

Property Count by Type by Location

SFA Type	Urban	Intermediate	Remote	Total
1	18	19	32	69
2	51	88	184	323
3	386	669	962	2017
4	686	1278	1848	3812
5	563	1618	2191	4372
A	0	6	0	6
B	1408	3702	4469	9579
C	4053	8909	11614	24576
D	663	1587	2080	4330
Total	7828	17876	23380	49084

- 4) The total rent collected on all SFA annually immediately before CAAS being brought in, and at present.

SFA receipts	Actual costs	Actual costs	Actual costs	Actual costs	Actual costs
	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17	FY17/18	FY18/19
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
JPA Family Accommodation receipts	-101.4	-100.6	-92.8	-100.6	-107.2
JPA Family CILOCT (Charges in Lieu of Council Tax) receipts	-58.7	-57.5	-51.6	-51.8	-53.0

- 5) The number of challenges to the CAAS bands of houses each year since the system was brought in, and the number successful in changing the band at stage 1, and stage 2.

Number of challenges

Year	Challenge	Appeal
2015	3	0
2016	1952	331
2017	331	58
2018	288	76
2019	56	17
Total	2630	482

Year	Upheld challenges	Upheld Appeals
2016	209	93
2017	25	18
2018	24	17
2019	2	3
Total	260	131

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that in relation to Q4 the following applies:

- CAAS came into effect on the 01 April 2016.
- The Overseas offer was delayed until 01 April 2017.
- The figures listed under Q4 represent both UK and Overseas receipts. A breakdown of these receipts is not available as current systems do not offer the required level of granularity.
- A 2018 analysis of data (>51,000 records) revealed that the UK/Overseas split was 94%/6%.
- CILOCT receipts for Overseas stopped when the Overseas offer was introduced in April 2017. From this point onwards it is UK CILOCT receipts alone recorded.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat