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Dear [REDACTED]

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

"Under the FOI Act could you please provide details of the number and location of all MoD/Armed forces golf courses and the annual cost of maintaining the golf courses."

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 of the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested concerning the number and location of all MOD/Armed Forces golf courses can be found enclosed in the table below:

The Ministry of Defence has 19 Golf Courses on its land, these are shown below:

Golf Course Name	Location
<i>RAF Marham</i>	<i>Norfolk</i>
<i>RAF Coningsby</i>	<i>Lincoln</i>
<i>RAF Lakenheath</i>	<i>Suffolk</i>
<i>RAF Molesworth</i>	<i>Huntingdon</i>
<i>Catterick Garrison</i>	<i>North Yorkshire</i>
<i>Abercom Barracks</i>	<i>Ballykinler, County Down</i>

<i>RM Condor</i>	<i>Arbroath</i>
<i>Alanbrooke Barracks</i>	<i>North Yorkshire</i>
<i>Penally Training Camp Golf Course</i>	<i>Tenby, Pembrokeshire</i>
<i>St Athan Golf Club</i>	<i>South Glamorgan</i>
<i>RAF Henlow Golf Course</i>	<i>Bedford</i>
<i>North Luffenham Golf Club</i>	<i>Rutland</i>
<i>Upavon Golf Course</i>	<i>Wiltshire</i>
<i>Shrivenham Golf Club</i>	<i>Wiltshire</i>
<i>Defence School of Policing and Guarding</i>	<i>Southwick, Fareham</i>
<i>Dhekelia Golf Course</i>	<i>Cyprus</i>
<i>Episkopi Golf Course</i>	<i>Cyprus</i>
<i>Ayios Nikolaos Golf Course</i>	<i>Cyprus</i>
<i>British Army Golf Club</i>	<i>Sennelager, Germany</i>

The information you have requested concerning the annual cost of maintaining the golf courses is not held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to know that in regard to the part of your request concerning the annual cost of maintaining the golf courses, I can advise the money spent on running golf courses is not separately identifiable from the operating costs of the site as a whole.

The golf courses on the MOD estate are used by defence personnel and their families. They are generally self-financed or leased to external parties. Golf courses are usually present under what is called a "Service Encroachment" which describes the authorised use of irreducible spare capacity in public-funded MOD property (i.e. land or buildings which cannot be physically separated from the site) by serving Armed Forces personnel, civilians employed by the MOD (including, where practicable, long-term contractors' staff) and their direct dependents for "off-duty" sporting, recreational or welfare activities which cannot otherwise be met by locally provided public facilities.

You may also wish to note that the MOD have announced the plans to close the following sites containing Golf Courses under its Defence Estate Optimisation Programme; Abercom Barracks,

Ballykinler, County Down; RAF Henlow, Bedford; North Luffenham and Defence School of Policing and Guarding, Southwick, Fareham.

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

