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Dear

Thank you for your email of 10 June 2019 requesting the following information:

"I have some supplementary questions in relation to response FOI ref 2019/06747

In relation to response #2 - How many of the 1251 residences are in use?

In relation to response #5 - Where were these residences (which were sold to Farasha Property)? & are they (the Farasha property residences) being rented back to the MOD? If so – what is the annual cost of that?"

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below:

1. In relation to response #2 - How many of the 1251 residences are in use?

Of the 1251 properties in Northern Ireland, 512 are currently in use.

2. In relation to response #5 - Where were these residences (which were sold to Farasha Property)? & are they (the Farasha property residences) being rented back to the MOD? If so – what is the annual cost of that?

The 25 residences sold to Farasha Property were located in Hamilton Gardens, Lisburn. None of these properties are being rented back to MOD.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that of the remaining 739 properties in Northern Ireland not in use, 352 properties are empty because they are being processed for disposal or demolition.

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