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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 September 2019 requesting the following information:

"I'm looking for information about the houses owned by the Ministry of Defence for use of personnel working at RAF Spadeadam. Specifically, I'm looking to find out how many houses the MOD owns, how many are filled with personnel, and how many are vacant.

I would like the information from the date ranging from 2010-2019.

I would also like to know whether there is a policy of handing the houses back to the local authorities if the houses stand vacant for a certain time period."

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.

With regard to your request for information about properties owned by the MOD, I can confirm that the MOD does not own any of the Service Family Accommodation (SFA) serving RAF Spadeadam. Properties are owned by Annington Homes Limited and leased back to the MOD.

I can also confirm there is no policy of transferring void properties to local authorities.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to know that the occupancy data for the SFA that serves RAF Spadeadam is as follows:

	Number of Let Properties	Number of Void Properties
2019	13	23
2018	13	23
2017	18	18
2016	21	15

2015	19	17
2014	22	14
2013	27	9
2012	33	3
2011	29	8
2010	29	10

The above data is a snapshot taken at the beginning of October for each year.

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,

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