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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2019 requesting the following information:

*“Could you let me know the MOD’s policy on waste management and recycling?*

*Could you let me know DIO’s policy on waste management and recycling?*

*Can you tell me the companies which are managing DIO sites?*

*Do they have waste management and recycling policies?*

*If so who ensures that it is being adhered to?*

*My queries are raised, because I was on a DIO site this year, where we given approximately 400 plastic water bottles per day over a 3 week period, an approximate number of 6000 plastic water bottles, that were disposed of in the same skips as cardboard, food waste, metal, wood, etc in fact all the rubbish was dumped in the same skips and collected by one firm that emptied all the refuse into one refuse wagon.*

*Where does all the refuse go?”*

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 you have requested can be found below, for ease of reference I have numbered your individual requests:

1. *Could you let me know the MOD’s policy on waste management and recycling?*

This information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you via other means, this information can be accessed via the following link:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/390150/20141209-JSP\\_418\\_Part1\\_Final-U.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/390150/20141209-JSP_418_Part1_Final-U.pdf)

2. *Could you let me know DIO's policy on waste management and recycling?*

Information not held.

3. *Can you tell me the companies which are managing DIO sites?*

Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) manage a number of contractors that provide the waste management services on the MOD estate, these are:

- Amey Defence
- Aramark
- Aspire
- Compass/ESS
- Interserve
- Landmarc
- Sodexo

4. *Do they have waste management and recycling policies?*

The contractors listed above do have their own environmental policies. However, when delivering services on the Defence Estate, contractors are required to follow MOD policy.

5. *If so who ensures that it is being adhered too?*

MOD employ a contract assurance team that carry out the relevant checks to ensure that policies are being followed.

MOD contractors are also expected to carry out assurance checks on any sub-contractors that they may use of the estate.

6. *Where does all the refuse go?*

Waste is managed differently on each MOD establishment.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to know that in relation question two of your request, DIO do not have its own policy but adheres to the MOD policy provided to you in the link at question one.

You may also wish to note that in relation to question 6 of your request, without being able to identify the establishment you are referring to, the MOD are unable to provide you with confirmation of how the waste is managed on that particular site, as waste is managed on a site by site basis.

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](mailto: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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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,

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