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Thank you for your email of 12 November 2019 requesting the following information:

'How much is spent on housing the Armed Forces with private rent January 2018 to November 2019 and locations'

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 cost to the MOD of Substitute Service Families Accommodation (SSFA) during the period 01 January 2018 to 30 October 2019 can be found in the table below –

Location	Rent Cost
East of England	£2,338,496.38
Highlands/Islands	£403,655.37
London	£34,427,379.28
Midlands	£6,201,834.27
North West	£2,767,824.84
Scotland/C Borders	£2,054,604.17
South East	£3,647,099.38
South West	£11,348,099.69
Wales	£1,300,904.19
Yorkshire, Humberside, NE	£2,007,344.00
Location not known	£712,677.72
Grand Total	£67,209,919.30

Please note that at the date of your request, the cost of SSFA for November 2019 was unavailable.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that SSFA is used to house Service Personnel when there is insufficient Service Families Accommodation (SFA) available in the area.

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