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Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your email of 28 July 2022 addressed to the Royal Artillery Hunt (RAH), and copied to the Ministry of Defence, in which you requested the following information:

*"Who owns the buildings the hunt operates from ? (All of them).
Who pays the council tax, water and electric bill ?
What is the break down of your active members Serving/ex Military/civilian ?
Do any serving members work for rah as part of their duty? "*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). As the MOD were copy addressees, this letter is an answer on behalf of the Department; we do not hold information on behalf of the RAH.

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

Q1) Who owns the buildings the hunt operates from? (All of them).

A1) I can confirm that the buildings the hunt operates from are owned either by the MOD or RAH.

Q2) Who pays the council tax, water and electric bill?

A2) The RAH pay a quarterly amount for water and electricity. No information is held on Council Tax.

Q3) What is the break down of your active members Serving/ex Military/civilian ?

A3) This information is not held by the MOD.

Q4) Do any serving members work for RAH as part of their duty?

A4) This information is not held by the MOD.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to know that in relation to Questions 3 & 4, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time the request is made and

does not require public authorities to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information held. Following a search of our recorded information I have established that the information you have requested is not held by the MOD; the composition of their membership is a matter for the RAH.

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

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