



Barnacle Bill

Your Ref

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Dear Barnacle Bill

**Request for Information: MOD Properties in Cornwall**

Thank you for your enquiry dated 22 January 2009. This was passed to Defence Estates (DE), the Ministry of Defence (MOD) organisation responsible for managing the defence estate, and has been dealt with as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

You asked various questions about MOD properties in Cornwall.

Under Section 8(1) of the FOI Act, the MOD is entitled to treat as invalid a request where the real name of the applicant has not been used. Section 8(1) defines a request for information as one which is (a) in writing; (b) states the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence; and (c) describes the information requested. Section 84 of the Act also states that "the name of the applicant" in Section 8(1)(b) should be interpreted as the name of the person making the request. It would appear that you have not used your real name in making this request.

We therefore consider that it does not fall within the description of a request for information under Section 8(1) of the Act. We are therefore unable to provide a response. We do not accept the use of a false or fictitious name under the FOIA. Generally, the inclusion of the requestor's title and/or first name together with their surname satisfies the requirement for the provision of a name. We will consider your request under the Act should you submit it again using your real name in this way.

Yours sincerely,

DE Sec-CS PBFOI