



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear Ms Christine,

Thank you for your recent correspondence dated 13 August 2015 which has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

*"The following information request includes "main" files and "see references" files, draft letters, documents as well as emails, memos and minutes of meetings relating to the under noted request.*

- *Details of the presence or removal of asbestos materials in the Glen Douglas Bunker Munitions Depot*
- *Accident reports, policies and procedures, inspections, risk assessments and notices relating to the above properties.*
- *Please advise us of any destruction of records and include the date of and authority for such destruction.*
- *In the event that documents are to be denied in whole or in part, please specify which exemption(s) is/are claimed for each passage or whole document denied.*
- *In our information request, if it is too wide or unclear could you please contact us by email and advise us accordingly. If you are not in possession of the requested information please notify us as to which authority could provide us with the relevant information."*

This letter is to inform you that the Ministry Of Defence holds information related to your request, we believe the information falls within the scope of the following qualified exemption: Section 38 (Health & Safety), Information will be exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to endanger the physical or mental health or safety of any individual. As a qualified exemption, it is necessary for us to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The Freedom of Information Act requires us to respond to requests promptly and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test has to be conducted, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days. A full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case and in relation to your request, we estimate that

it will take an additional 20 working days to take a final decision on where the balance of public interest lies. We therefore plan to respond by 8 October 2015. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion we will inform you.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat