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Dear Mr Gardner

### **Request for Information: Asbestos Survey RAF Stafford**

Thank you for your enquiry dated 23 July 2013. This was passed to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation – the Ministry of Defence (MOD) organisation responsible for the defence estate – and has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

You asked for:

- 1) *All asbestos surveys undertaken on all buildings situated at RAF Stafford 16MU between 1970 to date.*

With regard to the above, the MOD holds some of the information that falls within the scope of your request. We have established that some asbestos records are held from 2006 to 2013, but there is no data before that period.

Section 12 of the FOI Act states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the 'appropriate limit'. This limit is £600 and equates to 24 hours worth of effort on our part (calculated at £25/hour), roughly three and a half working days. It goes on to say that the public authority must provide advice and assistance to help the applicant refine the request so that information can be provided within the 'appropriate limit'.


It has been assessed that the costs involved in providing the confirmed information above, will exceed the £600 limit. Under the terms of Section 12 of the Act we are not obliged to comply with your request.

If you would like to refine your request, you may wish to limit your request to particular buildings or years from 2006 to 2013. Please let me know if you would like to refine your request along these lines.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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, [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script that is difficult to decipher but appears to be a personal name.