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Dear Mr Dawson

## **Request for Information: MOD Involvement with Safegrounds**

Thank you for your enquiry dated 30 January 2012. This was passed to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), the Ministry of Defence (MOD) body responsible for managing the defence estate and has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

You asked what financial support the MOD provided to Safegrounds by year from 2000, and the number and grade of staff who represented the MOD at meetings held by Safegrounds, from 2000.

I can confirm that the MOD holds some information that falls within scope of your request.

The MOD has been involved with the Construction Industry Research and Information Association's (CIRIA) Safegrounds Project to develop good practice guidance on the management of radioactively and chemically contaminated land on nuclear and defence sites.

The MOD has provided the following funds to the project since 2000.

March 2002	£30,000 + VAT
October 2002	£45,000 + VAT
March 2005	£2,750 + VAT
March 2006	£5,000 + VAT

The MOD has not kept records of attendance for the meetings. However, I have been advised that attendees have always been at Band C level or above, and that between one and four representatives have attended the meetings. The numbers in attendance would have reflected the range of subject matter input and technical support required.

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-FOxxxx@xxx.xx](mailto:CIO-FOxxxx@xxx.xx)). 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

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