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Dear Ms Fox

Thank you for your email of 24th November 2014 requesting the following information:

"Please could you send me an index of the DA and D notices and letters issued about them to entities- persons/corporations etc issued since 1970, including the dates, person/organisation issued to and what the notice and letter were about. Under S 16 and a request if applicable, have any D/DA notices and letters been confidential? and if so is it a practise for people who know about them to deny knowledge of them when asked?"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance): Defence Advisory (DA) Notices are issued and managed by the Defence Press and Broadcasting Advisory Committee (DPBAC), which is an advisory body and is not part of the Department. The DA-notice system is purely advisory. The advisory notices carry no legal weight and cannot be enforced. You can find details of the Committee and DA-Notice System at the following website: <http://www.dnotice.org.uk/>

The DPBAC and DA-Notice System do not fall under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) or the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) of 2002. Nonetheless, the DPBAC is committed to maximum disclosure wherever it is consistent with the effective conduct of business and adherence to any assurances of confidentiality it has given.

I have referred your inquiry to the DPBAC Secretariat and asked them to respond.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st 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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

DDC Secretariat Parliamentary