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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 1 March 2024 requesting the following information:

*"I am writing to request a copy of the Contract between the MOD and Sodexo for the Larkhill, Royal Artillery Officers Mess (RA Mess). This will enable me, as a part of my job, to hold both parties to account in line with the specified contract."*

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to know that no direct contract exists between the MOD and Sodexo for the Royal Artillery Officers Mess. The relevant MOD contract is a Public Finance Initiative (PFI) arrangement, which has a duration of 35 years, with Aspire. Sodexo is the sub-contractor chosen to deliver these services across multiple sites; one of which is Larkhill.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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