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Dear Ms Corderoy,

1. Thank you for your email of 12 February 2021, requesting the following information:

'Since 1st January 2019 to the day this request is processed, please provide copies of all FOI/EIRs requests that have been sent from this department to the Cabinet Office Clearing House which refer to members of the Royal Family.

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- 2. I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- 3. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. I can advise that to locate the information relevant to your request, the MOD FOI case management system (eCase) has been searched using the key terms, 'Royal households' 'Royal family', Queen', 'Prince', 'Princess', 'Windsor', 'Countess', 'Viscount', 'Duke' and 'Duchess'. Once identified, these requests have then been cross referenced with those referred to Cabinet Office Clearing House and the results of this search can be found at Annex A to this letter.
- 4. Please note, we have considered "the request" element of your request to be for correspondence which specifies the recorded information requested under the Act, and have therefore removed the requester details and any non-contextual information which may have also been included, as not in scope of your request.

Section 16 (Advice and Assistance)

- 5. Under section 16 of the Act I can advise that although your request only seeks copies of the request made to the Department which was sent to the Clearing House, we have also provided the MOD FOI number attributed to each request.
- 6. If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

- 7. 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). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.
- 8. If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely,

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