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Dear Sir,

### **Request for Information: Substitute Service Family Accommodation**

Thank you for your enquiry dated 2 October 2013. 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 for the number of Service families who are living in Substitute Service Family Accommodation at RNAS Yeovilton, RNAS Culdrose and BRNC Dartmouth.

The MOD provides accommodation to service personnel and their families at or near an individual's permanent duty station. In cases where Service accommodation does not exist, or is not available to an individual's entitlement, the MOD may use Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA), which is rented from the local commercial marketplace. SSFA is only ever used as a last resort when no other option is available.

As at 30 September 2013, the following numbers of families were in Substitute Service Family Accommodation at

Site	Number of Families
RNAS Yeovilton,	15
RNAS Culdrose	132
BRNC Dartmouth.	4

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 faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' and 'J' followed by a large circular flourish.