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Dear Mr McDonald,

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Request for Information: Total cost of disposal for non-hazardous waste in Scotland PF

Thank you for your enquiry dated 10 September 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 for names and total number of all MOD sites producing non-hazardous waste throughout Scotland. The total cost of the disposal of non-hazardous waste produced by the MOD and its staff throughout Scotland. What percentage of that waste that is recycled on site. Who does the MOD currently have contracted to manage this waste.

While I can confirm that the MOD holds information within the scope of your enquiry section 12 of the FOI Act states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the 'appropriate limit'. This limit is £600 and equates to 24 hours worth of effort on our part (calculated at £25/hour), roughly three and a half working days. It goes on to say that the public authority must provide advice and assistance to help the applicant refine the request so that information can be provided within the 'appropriate limit'.

It has been assessed that the costs involved in providing the information you have requested will exceed the £600 limit. Under the terms of Section 12 of the Act we are not obliged to comply with your request but, as stated above, we would like to help you to refine your request so that we can provide you with information. However please be aware that if you did refine your request, information is not held centrally or for all sites you ask for.

In order to bring your request under the appropriate limit; you may wish to limit it to specific bases or barracks that you require the information for.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Smith', written in a cursive style.