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**EMAIL FROM DEFENCE ESTATES
CLARIFYING THE OPENING HOURS OF
THE LYDD & HYTHE MILITARY RANGES
AND THE STATUS OF THE RADAR**

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DATE: 14 March 2011

RE: Questions from LAAG

Date:

14/03/2011 11:40:28 GMT Standard Time

From:

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To:

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Sent from the Internet ([Details](#))

Dear Louise,

In response to your two questions:

(1) Lydd Range Complex (and Hythe) are active (open for live firing) to meet the requirements of our customers (all three Services including Reserves and Cadets and augmented by police and others). The level of activity varies and is particularly dependent on where and when operational brigades choose to do their Pre Deployment Training. 300 active days a year for Lydd is a reasonable average. The two week stand down at Christmas generally suits our customers, but if we were required to open for unforeseen operational reasons then Lydd would be the complex selected to open as at Hythe we use the Christmas stand down to carry out annual repairs to the sea defence groyne field. The summer stand down depends on when the Operational Training and Advisor Group based at Folkestone and Lydd take their summer Block Leave and what range work is required by the annual summer Cadet camps. It will be in August sometime and allows us essential annual targetry maintenance time. Yes, Firing Notices are sent monthly to a list of local stakeholders and placed in notice boards outside the ranges for the public. The Firing Notices warn that when shown as CLOSED the ranges will only be opened for firing for pre-operational training or equivalent "priority" requirements. Although not confined to set opening times in our Byelaws we keep to 0830 to 2300.

(2) I can confirm that both Lydd and Hythe Range complexes have radar to monitor the sea danger areas and sea approaches to augment the radar on the safety craft to allow us to try and intercept and divert vessels heading for the range danger areas. These radar systems are not suitable for aircraft detection.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Duthoit

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Subject: Questions from LAAG

Dear Lt Col Duthoit

Could you confirm that:

(1) The Lydd Range (D044) is active for at least 300 days of the year; there is a two week "down time" period over Christmas and a one week period over the summer for general maintenance. The remainder of the "down time" days occur intermittently making planning difficult. Firing notices are posted locally - in the small print it is highlighted that firing times within a day cannot be accurately programmed. The range hours are 0830 hours to 2300.

(2) There is one type of radar at the Hythe (D141) and Lydd military (D044) ranges but this is designed for identifying shipping rather than aircraft.

Yours Sincerely

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