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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 June requesting the following information:

1) *The total cost to the MOD of the Trooping The Colour ceremonies to celebrate the official birthday of the sovereign, for each of a) 2021, b) 2020 and c) 2019.*

2) *Information as to whether any other public authority covers any costs of Trooping the Colour ceremonies, as far as the MOD is aware.*

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, and I can confirm some of the information in scope of your request is held and can be found below:

Part 1: The total cost to the MOD of the Trooping the Colour ceremonies to celebrate the official birthday of the sovereign, for each of a) 2021, b) 2020 and c) 2019.

Cost information that is held has been used to produce the requested figures. The notes below explain which costs were not held and therefore are not part of the calculated totals.

Year	Cost
2021	£59,662.70
2020	£3,242.68
2019	£24,600.54

Notes:

- Costs include hire transport, fuel, crown feeding, temporary stables and shells. Salary costs are not included.
- Totals for 2019 and 2020 do not include hire transport costs and some fuel costs which are not held.
- Costs for 2021 include temporary stables which were not required in 2019 or 2020.
- Please note that the figures provided are single Service estimates based on data which is not gathered for statistical purposes or subject to the same level of scrutiny as official statistics produced by Defence Statistics. The figures provided may therefore be subject to data quality issues affecting their accuracy

Part 2: Information as to whether any other public authority covers any costs of Trooping the Colour ceremonies, as far as the MOD is aware.

Policing costs are not covered by the MOD.

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Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the sender.

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