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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information on the values and benefits to the UK Military of using Adventurous Training (AT). This request has been allocated FOI reference RFI 017.

The SSRO does not hold any of the information you are requesting and so we are unable to answer your questions posed below or complete your questionnaire.

I would like to explain a bit more about the role of the Single Source Regulations Office, or SSRO, which I hope is helpful.

We play a key role in the regulation of ‘single source’, or non-competitive, procurement of military goods, works and services. The SSRO is at the heart of the regulatory framework, defining and supporting its operation. When undertaking our statutory functions we aim to ensure that good value for money is obtained for the UK taxpayer in expenditure on QDCs, and that single source suppliers are paid a fair and reasonable price under those contracts. Our functions include:

- Keeping under review the Defence Reform Act and the Regulations and recommend appropriate changes to the Secretary of State.
- Considering cases referred by the MOD and defence contractors, clarifying or resolving disagreements on how the regime applies to proposed or existing qualifying contracts.
- Making an annual recommendation to the Secretary of State on the Baseline Profit Rate, Capital Servicing Rates and SSRO funding adjustment to be applied to determine the profit rates of qualifying contracts.
- Publishing guidance on Allowable Costs, the Contract Profit Rate, Reporting and Penalties.
- Keeping an up-to-date record of qualifying contracts and receiving statutory reports from defence contractors under the regime.
- Keeping under review the extent to which contractors are complying with their reporting obligations.
- Fulfilling requests by the Secretary of State for analysis of reported data and other services or assistance relating to single source defence procurement.

More information about our role can be found on our website
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/single-source-regulations-office>.

If you have not already done so, you may consider making a request for this information to the Ministry of Defence <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence/about/publication-scheme#how-to-make-an-official-request-for-information>. You may also find that questions have been asked by Members of Parliament about the UK military use of Adventure Training and that the answers are published in the Hansard record on the Parliament website <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/hansard/commons/>.

We wish you well with your dissertation and future studies.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to: Neil Swift, c/o Enquiries, enquiries@ssro.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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To whom it may concern,
Re: Freedom of Information request – Dissertation study

I am a third year student on a BSc (Hons) course in Outdoor Education at Liverpool John Moores University. I am researching what are the values and benefits the UK Military get out of using Adventurous Training (AT). It has been suggested that I write to you asking if you have any breakdown on the following information: -

- How much money is spent by the MOD on providing AT for Military personnel
- The types of activities undertaken by the UK Military that are funded directly by public spending in AT as opposed to ‘Military Skills’ training
- How many active stations and bases are supported by the MOD for the purpose of providing AT opportunities for Military personnel
- Has this number changed (now that many stations and bass have become Joint Services rather than single service centres) over the last 5 years
- Is there an expectation that due to budgetary constraints that the AT budget is likely to be affected and if so, in what ways?

Many thanks

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Please find attached copies of my Questionnaire and covering letter that is being sent to Centre Staff and Instructors

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