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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2019, in response to the information provided to you on 15 May 2019, requesting the following information:

"As a follow up question, what happened to the remainder of the 500k?"

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, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In July 2017, Her Majesty's Treasury (HMT) announced that the Government would commit LIBOR funding to support Armed Forces and Emergency Services charities and that this would include cadet units. Following initial discussions with HMT, it was initially thought that £1M would be split equally between the Army Cadet Force and the Air Training Corps, in anticipation that the Sea Cadets would receive funding separately. Hence the announcement that £500,000 of LIBOR funding would potentially be allocated to the Air Training Corps.

Further discussions between the MOD and HMT, in early 2018, provided clarification on the criteria for the award and distribution of the funding. It was at these discussions that HMT directed that the £1M funding was to be distributed across each of the four community cadet organisations: The Sea Cadet Corps, the Volunteer Cadet Corps, the Army Cadet Force and the Air Training Corps. The distribution was to be distributed pro-rata against the number of community-based cadets in each of the cadet organisations.

Therefore, due to the direction of HMT and the pro-rata distribution, the Air Training Corps was allocated approximately £365,000.

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Yours sincerely,

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