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Dear [Redacted]

Your correspondence dated 27 June 2015 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

Please could you send me a list of projects funded by the department under the Overseas Development Assistance banner in the past three years.

Please could you name the aid project, the country it was funded in, the purpose of the project and the amount of funding.

I apologise if this is already publicly available, but have not been able to find it on your website.

Perhaps if it is available already, you could forward and link or links to me. Would you be able to reply on this email and my personal email [Redacted] which I am monitoring at home.

Please find below the information you requested. This covers the period from January 2013; a breakdown by discrete project was not retained before that date.

The tables below show the MOD's Official Development Assistance (formally Overseas Development Assistance) expenditure for 2013 and 2014.

Commitment date Jan 2013

Project Title	Project Description	Benefitting Country Name	Amount untied
Op Herrick - Ministry of Defence Police Deployment to Afghanistan	Security and stabilisation support	Afghanistan	£993,964
Ministry of Defence Police Deployment to Kosovo	Security and stabilisation support	Kosovo	£136,789
Defence Education & Leadership	UK-based and export courses delivering education on issues relevant to development. A percentage of each course is ODA eligible	Various (45 ODA eligible countries)	£1,811,111
Disaster Relief Training	HMS MONTROSE - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£2,060
Disaster Relief Training	HMS ECHO - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,794

Disaster Relief Training	HMS BULWARK - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,984
Disaster Relief Training	HMS DARING - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,604
Disaster Relief Training	HMS RICHMOND - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,674
Disaster Relief Training	HMS WESTMINSTER - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,648
Disaster Relief Training	HMS ILLUSTRIOUS - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,645
Disaster Relief Training	HMS SOMERSET - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,604
Disaster Relief Training	HMS PORTLAND - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,661
Disaster Relief Training	HMS DIAMOND - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,661
Disaster Relief Training	HMS SOMERSET - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,661
Disaster Relief Training	HMS PROTECTOR - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,642
Disaster Relief Training	HMS DEFENDER - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,722
Disaster Relief Training	HMS PORTLAND - Disaster Relief Training	Various	£1,661
CECOPAC Instr	Spanish speaking officer to take up an attachment as instructor at CECOPAC the Peacekeeping Centre in Santiago, Chile for 8 months within the period Apr – Dec 13.	Chile	£36,720
AS 4/13	School refurbishment - 1 x Engr Sect (4 days)	Kenya	£6,528
			£3,009,133

Commitment date Jan 2014

Project Title	Project Description	Benefitting Country Name	Amount untied
Disaster Relief Training	DISTEX (Disaster Relief Exercises) training taking place in a specially adapted site at HM Naval Base Devonport. Its aim is to provide training in order for HM Ships to assist communities affected by disaster, either man made or natural such as civil war, hurricanes, earthquakes or volcanoes.	Various	£24,000
International Capacity Building	The UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) offers 2 MOD posts dedicated to international capacity building in the Caribbean, North India Ocean and Southern Africa.	Various	£252,000
Educational courses– all recipients are foreign nationals from ODA eligible countries.	Basic English Training – language training which enables nations to participate in regional peacekeeping and security operations and to receive further education.	Various	£325,000
Educational courses– all recipients are foreign nationals from ODA eligible countries.	Royal College of Defence Studies – course objective: the recipient understands the international strategic context, is skilled in analysis and able to work intuitively across national, cultural and ideological boundaries to lead or contribute to developing strategy at the highest level.	Various	£1,060,000
Educational courses– all recipients are foreign nationals from ODA eligible countries.	Advanced Command and Staff Course – Post Graduate Course for military and civilian defence education, including leadership skills.	Various	£488,000
Educational courses– all recipients are foreign nationals from ODA eligible countries.	Managing Defence in the Wider Security Context course – tailored for countries making the transition to democracy, including international law, human rights and gender equality.	Various	£263,000
Educational courses– all recipients are foreign nationals from ODA eligible countries.	Exclusive Economic Zones course (UK and Export versions) – courses concerned with protecting borders, and managing territorial waters and maritime zones.	Various	£28,000
Exercise Askari Serpent	three Defence Engagement exercises in the form of Health Outreach Clinics in Kenya	Kenya	£5,000
Op HERRICK	Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) support to the FCO in the formation of the Police training school for Afghan troops, through training, infrastructure and policy	Afghanistan	£163,000
Iraq Historic Allegations Team	Ministry of Defence Police Criminal Investigations Department (MDP CID) support to the FCO and others in investigations against troops, through training and investigator support.	Various	£38,000
			£2,646,000

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide advice and assistance while processing FOI requests, and I have therefore included some additional information below that you may find useful.

Aid commitment is not just morally right – it is also firmly in our national interest. We live in an increasingly interconnected world, where problems in faraway places can reverberate back home. Aid is vitally important to tackling the root causes of those global problems – disease, drugs, terrorism, climate change – that threaten our own future.

Further information relating to Official Development Assistance (ODA) can be found at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/official-development-assistance-oda--2#oda-project-lists>

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st 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, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Resources Secretariat