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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 11 October, to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"Further to the recent Medals review recommendations for

Cyprus 1955-59 award of GSM 1918-62 with Clasp CYPRUS

Cyprus 1963-64 award of GSM 1962 with Clasp CYPRUS 1963-64

Berlin Airlift award of GSM 1918-62 with Clasp BERLIN AIRLIFT

South Atlantic Medal award in respect of service 12 July- 21 October 1982

Would you please be kind enough to provide me with the following information

How many medals in each case are expected to be issued

What are the production Costs associated with each of the medals

What are the research costs for each medal to ensure eligibility

What are the total costs expected from each medal to the Taxpayer"

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 MOD, and the answers are provided in the order in which they have been asked:

How many medals in each case are expected to be issued?

Award of GSM 1918-62 with clasp 'Cyprus' – Cohort size 1,000 – expected application uptake 25%

Award of GSM 1962 with clasp 'Cyprus 1963-64' – Cohort size 10,000 – expected application uptake 30%

Award of GSM 1918-62 with clasp 'Berlin Airlift' – Cohort size 1,000 – expected application uptake 20%

Award of South Atlantic Medal 1982 -- Cohort size 10,000 -- expected application uptake 80%.

What are the Production Costs associated with each of the medals?

The Production costs are a matter for The Royal Mint, who manufacture them.

What are the research costs for each medal to ensure eligibility?

These are costed, with expected application uptake.

Award of GSM 1918-62 with clasp 'Cyprus' - £5,725.00

Award of GSM 1962 with clasp 'Cyprus 1963-64' - £68,700.00

Award of GSM 1918-62 with clasp 'Berlin Airlift' - £4,580.00

Award of South Atlantic Medal 1982 - £159,520.00

What are the total costs expected from each medal to the Taxpayer?

Award of GSM 1918-62 with clasp 'Cyprus' - circa £37,000.00

Award of GSM 1962 with clasp 'Cyprus 1963-64' - circa £245,000.00

Award of GSM 1918-62 with clasp 'Berlin Airlift' - circa £74,000.00

Award of South Atlantic Medal 1982 - circa £237,000.00

Project staffing and start up costs - circa £412,000

The information provided are all circa costs, and until the project is completed in 2015, we remain unable to give more precise figures.

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.

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Yours sincerely,



A/Head of Secretariat