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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 January 2017 requesting the following information:

Could you please give me the payments to the MOD made for the making of The Grand Tour episode aired on January 6 2017? The payments may have been made by The Grand Tour, Amazon Studios or W. Chump & Sons.

As well as this, could you tell me how much the episode cost the MOD?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has been conducted and I can confirm we do hold information within the scope of your request.

The MOD received a total of £31,265.00 for the making of The Grand Tour episode aired on 6 January 2017.

There was no cost to the MOD for making this episode.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act it may be useful to know that Joint Services Publication (JSP) 579 covers the Policy and Processes for Non-News Media Projects (NNMP) such as the Grand Tour filming. JSP 579 states that the MOD is not permitted to charge interview fees, for staff time and other costs above marginal level must not be raised for core communications projects that fulfil one or more of the priorities as set by the relevant MOD department concerned. A link to JSP 579 is attached as follows: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/policy-and-processes-for-non-news-media-projects-jsp-579>

Protecting and enhancing Defence image, reputation and public profile is a core MOD output and the responsibility of all in Defence to support. One way of doing this is through NNMPs such as television, radio, book and digital opportunities, and requires positive and proactive engagement.

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, 2nd 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 www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

DDC Secretariat Parliamentary