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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 February regarding the cost of running the Red Arrows. This has been forwarded to HQ Air Command for a response.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). After a search of our records I can confirm that information is held within the scope of your request.

Operating costs for the Red Arrows for Financial Year 2014/2015 were some £9.1 million. This includes direct costs to the Red Arrows such as pay and allowances, aviation fuel, travel and subsistence and heating oil but excludes spares, asset depreciation and the capital cost of aircraft or buildings and general Station costs.

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

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