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Dear ■■■■ ■■■■,

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 26 November in which you requested the following information:

I would like to ask for the total expenditure for LGBT-related activities in the Armed Forces and the MOD from 2010 to 2014. Could you break it down to Royal Navy (Royal Marines), British Army, Royal Air Forces, MOD?

I am writing to confirm that we are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

It is not possible to provide the information requested for costs prior to 2012, because such data was not retained by all parts of the MOD. Therefore please see below the figures for expenditure on LGBT related activities from 2012 to 2014, broken down by Service /MOD Headquarters.

SERVICES¹

- NAVY costs for LGBT expenditure between 2012 – 2014 £19,439
- ARMY costs for LGBT expenditure between 2012 – 2014 £31,718
- RAF costs for LGBT expenditure between 2012 – 2014 £41,688

MOD HEADQUARTERS²

- MOD HQ costs for LGBT expenditure between 2010 – 2014 £14,730

¹ Activities covered by the Services' budgets, include awareness campaigns, workshops, and potentially training activities for Service personnel.

² The MOD Headquarters budget consisted of membership of Stonewall; hosting Stonewall Conference 2014 in London; hosting Stonewall Scotland/Belfast Events in 2013 and running an in-house Defence Role Model Programme.

These costs do not include Travel and Subsistence (T&S) claims submitted by LGBT personnel who travel to events or meetings, or for working lunches. This is because T&S

claims are handled separately by the MOD personnel software packages (Human Resources Management Systems (HRMS) for Civil Servants and the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) for Service personnel, in a way that does not enable us to extract data required by this request.

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>.

Yours sincerely

Defence People Secretariat