

FOI Release

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Title: Tim Peake Marathon & Scientific work

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Information request

1. In light of the recent publicity surrounding Tim Peake's completion of a marathon in space and other such public relations events during the mission, I would like to enquire how much his 3 hour 35 minute marathon cost the UK taxpayer.

This cost could be established by detailing the overall cost of the mission, dividing this by the number of hours he has spent in space then multiplying this figure by approximately 3.5.

An estimation of costs should include an estimation of both direct and indirect expenses associated with the mission where possible.

2. Additionally, any information on the scientific aspects of the work Tim has done would be appreciated, as I don't feel this has been given enough attention during recent press coverage.

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I am writing to advise you that we have completed a search of our paper and electronic records, and have established that:

1. The information you requested is not held by the UK Space Agency. The Agency has pledged £49.2 million in total since 2012 to the International Space Station (ISS) programme, which is run by the European Space Agency. This gives UK researchers continued access to the programme, allowing them to use the unique environment of space to carry out research and make important advances in areas such as materials science, additive manufacturing and medical/biological sciences, of which Tim Peake is a part. You should however note that Tim Peake's running of the marathon was undertaken in his free time whilst on-board the ISS.

2. Under Section 21 of the Act we do not have to provide a response if the information requested is already accessible to the requester. The information you have requested is available and is accessible to you at:

<http://blogs.esa.int/tim-peake/category/experiments/>

<https://principia.org.uk/the-mission/experiments-in-space/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_research_on_the_International_Space_Station

http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Human_Spaceflight/Research/About_research_in_space