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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 8 January 2016 requesting the following information:

1. *The RAF Women's Cricket Team recently undertook a Tour to Australia. Could you please tell me what was the total cost of this visit?*
2. *How many RAF personnel travelled? (broken down by Serving individuals and any Civil Servants who are in RAF employment).*
3. *How much of this total cost was paid from public funds?*
4. *How much did each individual personally contribute to the Tour?*
5. *If there is any discrepancy between these 2 figures and the total cost, where were these funds obtained from?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. Please find below the responses to your request:

1. The total cost of the Royal Air Force (RAF) Women's Cricket Team tour to Australia was £33,942.
2. Seventeen serving RAF Personnel travelled to Australia; no Civil Servants were involved in the tour.
3. No costs were paid from public funds. Military Sports Tours are strictly governed by Joint Service regulations that prohibit any public funding or funding in kind such as the use of service transport.
4. Each individual contributed £900 to the tour.
5. The remainder of the funds came from sponsorship, a RAF Sports Lottery Grant, and a RAF Charitable Trust Grant.

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Yours sincerely

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