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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Thank you for your email of 19 May 2014 where you requested information about the unit cost per annum of employing and maintaining a member of the Parachute Regiment. I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The capitation rate for a member of the Parachute Regiment in Financial Year 2014/15 is £43,168. This includes Pensionable and non-Pensionable Pay, Earnings-Related National Insurance Contributions (ERNIC) and Superannuation Charges Adjusted for Past Experience (SCAPE).

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 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.

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