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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 January 2018 requesting the following information:

"Please provide me with details relating to the number of plastic water bottles used by the Department during 2017.

In particular, please tell me how much money was spent on water in plastic bottles. If possible please specify how many bottles this price relates to.

I understand the size of the plastic water bottles may vary - so if necessary please highlight that.

If there is time please provide the same information for 2016."

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that bottled water is provided as part of soft facilities management contract's and is not provided at a separate cost to MOD.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat