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Dear [REDACTED],

Your correspondence dated 22 July 2014 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

I am writing to request information on how much the British army is spending on war per year and how much it's costing the taxpayer.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) does not hold the precise information that you have requested. The budgetary structure of the MOD does not show separately the costs or budgets of the three individual Armed Services. This is because large parts of the Armed Services operate as fully integrated joint organisations in which elements from the Navy, Army and Air Force work closely together and share land, buildings and facilities, and sometimes equipment.

The Defence Statistics organisation publishes a wealth of information about defence spending. Most of this is available from their website which you can access using the following link:

<http://www.dasa.mod.uk>.

The publication "Defence departmental resources: 2013" (Table 1.03.06) is particularly useful:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/defence-departmental-resources-2013>

You can also find detailed information on Defence spending in the latest copy of the MOD Annual Reports and Accounts 2012-2013 which you can find at the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-annual-report-and-accounts-201213>

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Resources Secretariat

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.gov.uk>.