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Your correspondence dated 11 June 2014 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

*The amount of money the MOD originally estimated it would spend on the war in Libya before Britain joined the coalition?*

*How much the MOD has spent on the war? with a detailed breakdown of how much has been spent on what items, including the cost of replacing and importing weapons.*

*How much the MOD plans to spend on Libya in the coming six months, and what this will be spent on.*

I am writing to confirm that MOD holds information on the subject you have requested. However, I have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because to locate, retrieve and extract the recorded information in scope of your request would involve searching and then examining the financial records to identify those that contain information specific to your request.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you reduce or refine your request to bring the cost of compliance under the limit. This may be achieved by limiting the number of questions.

Please contact me if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide advice and assistance while processing FOI requests, and I have therefore included some additional information below that you may find useful.

[Cost of Libya operations - Published 22 June 2011](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cost-of-libya-operations--2>

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](mailto: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>.