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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2014 requesting the following information:

*The total cost of sending the Queen's Colour Squadron on all ceremonial events for the RAF for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.*

*The total cost of all ceremonial uniform provided for the Queen's Colour Squadron for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.*

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, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found in the table below. The costs provided for ceremonial events attended by the QCS are for transport hire and fuel costs only.

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Amount spent on sending QCS on ceremonial events for the RAF</b> | <b>Total cost of ceremonial uniform provided for QCS</b> |
|-------------|---|--|
| 2012        | £27,811   | £49,770  |
| 2013        | £14,245   | £2,041   |
| 2014        | £12,054   | £10,667  |

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.

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Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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