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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email, in which you posed the following questions:

- a) *Please disclose the amount reimbursed to the MOD by the Libyan Government in relation to the £17.2 million costs of training Libyan troops at Basingbourne Barracks.*
- b) *Please disclose the amount of each payment and when they were made.*
- c) *Please provide a breakdown of the £17.2 million cost.*

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 MOD, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

1. "Please provide a breakdown of the £17.2 million cost". A breakdown of the original provisional estimate of £17.2M was presented to Parliament on 21 November 2014, in response to Parliamentary Question 213247. Whilst this is already in the public domain via Hansard, I have reproduced it below for your ease of reference:

Category	Cost to Defence (£ millions)
Running costs	£1.8
Set up costs at Basingbourn	£3.0
Interpreters	£4.2
Training equipment	£2.7
Personnel costs (eg. allowances)	£1.4
Real life support (food, clothing etc)	£2.4
Other (vehicles, utilities, air charter, Recce and Vocate Land Training Unit (forward)	£1.7
Total	£17.2

Since this estimate was published, however, more detailed analysis based on actual expenditure has continued, ultimately allowing us to produce a final assessment of the cost to the MOD of delivering the overall training package. Set out below are the actual costs incurred:

Table B: Final assessment of costs for the training (February 2014)	
Category	Cost (£)
Bassingbourn Camp activation	£3,000,000.45
Infrastructure	£1,320,768.00
Inventory and consumable items	£1,431,888.00
Transport	£187,542.00
Personnel costs (inc. allowances and military policing)	£1,035,370.00
Facilities management and catering	£1,860,000.00
Miscellaneous (including military vehicles, catering at Sennybridge Training Area, electronic adaptors).	£431,506.00
Interpreters	£4,000,000.00
Return military flights to Libya	£183,989.00
Repairs to Ministry of Defence property	£472,283.49
Total	£13,923,346.94

2. “Please disclose the amount reimbursed to the MOD by the Libyan Government in relation to the £17.2 million costs of training Libyan troops at Basingbourne Barracks.” Noting the £2.48M payment we had received in 2013, a final assessment covering the balance of these costs (totalling £11,753,124.49) was presented to the Government of Libya in mid-February 2015. They responded in early March, accepting these totals and committing to repaying the Ministry of Defence in full. To date the Libyan government has reimbursed a total of £2,665,961.45 against the costs set out in Table B, as set out in section 3 below.

3. “Please disclose the amount of each payment and when they were made.” At time of writing, the Government of Libya has completed two tranches of payments towards the costs set out in Table B, as set out in Table C below:

Table C: Payments to date against the final assessment		
Category	Date of receipt	Amount (£)
Bassingbourn Camp (initial 2013 activation)	25 November 2013	£2,481,972.45
Return military flights to Libya	30 March 2015	£183,989.00
Total		£2,665,961.45

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Resources Secretariat