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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your email of 26 September 2014 requesting the following information:

“How much annually does it cost to maintain and service Tornado GR4, and Lightning II, planes. What is the cost of the Paveway IV bomb?”

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 some information in scope of your request is held. The data you have requested in respect of the Tornado GR4 and the Paveway IV bomb can be found at Annex A. The data for the Lightning II is not held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that annual costs for Tornado maintenance and servicing support vary from year to year, and cannot be broken down per aircraft or per squadron as the contracts are let on an availability basis; Availability Service contracts allow for the provision of a certain level of service, which can alter at any given time according to operational demand. In respect of the Lightning II, this aircraft is not yet in service with the RAF and it is too early to provide future UK operating and support cost elements.

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, 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. 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>.

Yours sincerely,

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Tornado GR4

Full Year Costs for Financial Year 2014/2015

£ 253.757 Million

Paveway IV

£70 K each