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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 29 June to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), in which you requested the following information:

I previously wrote was in touch regarding FOI2015/09672 on the MOD's bill for the ongoing legal action by former servicemen over their exposure to radiation in nuclear tests.

I would like to submit a new request for:

total legal costs for the proceedings in the Ionising Radiation appeals before the First-tier Tribunal.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. Following a search of our records, I can confirm that the MOD does hold information within the scope of your request.

The MOD's total legal costs for the original grouped First Tier Tribunal proceedings and subsequent appeals to the Upper Tribunal in the appeals of Adbale and 11 others were £925,052.54 (excluding VAT).

These appeals were remitted to the original grouped First Tier Tribunal and the remitted proceedings are not yet concluded. I can inform you that, up until 6 July 2016, MOD's legal costs for the current remitted grouped First Tier Tribunal appeals (Adbale and 11 others) are £122,558.07 (excluding VAT).

Further appeals before the First Tier Tribunal are stayed or concluded. MOD's total legal costs or spend for these proceedings, up until 14 July 2016, are £29,647.41 (excluding VAT).

I hope that this information will be helpful to you.

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, 2nd Floor, Zone N, 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,


Defence People Secretariat