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Date: 23 November 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

Your correspondence dated 26 October 2015 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

1. *What is the number of personnel currently deployed as part of Operation Shader?*
2. *What is the total cost of munitions use as part of Operation Shader up to 21 September 2015.*

Please see below.

## Question 1

As at 26 October 2015 there were 836 personnel deployed as part of Operation SHADER.

## Question 2

The total cost of munitions used as part of Op SHADER until 21 September 2015 has been calculated as £48,072,871 based upon the Net Book Value at current rates, excluding VAT for each of Paveway IV, Dual Seeker Mode Brimstone, Hellfire (both P4 and R2 variants) and GBU-12. It should be noted that for weapons provided through Foreign Military Sales (FMS) cases with the US Government, costs are also subject to exchange rate fluctuations which can impact upon the cost and the amount that MOD accrues for.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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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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>.

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Resources Secretariat