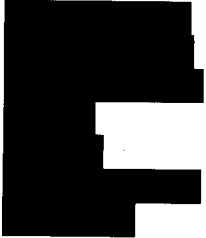




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Date: **31 October 2016**

Dear [REDACTED],

Your correspondence dated 05 October 2016 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

I am trying to find out the overall spending on Defence, education and the environment per year. I am struggling to find it and was wondering if you could tell me. I need it for my personal statement.

Please find below the information you requested.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) total spending for 2015/2016 was £35.1Bn and the MOD budget for 2016/2017 is £35Bn.

The MOD does not hold information on the Education or Environmental Budgets but it may be possible for you to obtain this information from the Department for Education and the Environment Agency. Details on how to make FOIA requests with these can be found at the links below:

Department for Education

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Environment Agency

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide advice and assistance while processing FOI requests, and I have therefore included some additional information below that you may find useful.

The Defence Statistics organisation publishes a wealth of information about defence spending. Most of this is available from the MOD statistics website which you can access using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence/about/statistics>

You can also find detailed information on Defence spending in the latest edition of the MOD Annual Reports and Accounts and the publication "Defence departmental resources: 2016" which you can find at the links below.

MOD Annual Reports and Accounts

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mod-annual-reports#mod-annual-reports-and-accounts>

Defence Departmental Resources

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/defence-departmental-resources-2016>

You may also find useful the key announcements to the 2015 Spending Review and the full 2015 Spending Review which are available via the links below.

Spending Review and Autumn Statement 2015 – Key Announcements

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/spending-review-and-autumn-statement-2015-key-announcements>

Spending Review and Autumn Statement 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/spending-review-and-autumn-statement-2015-documents/spending-review-and-autumn-statement-2015>

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, 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>.

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Resources Secretariat