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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence of 12 November 2015 requesting the following information for:

Can you please confirm if the MoD has a license from the Royal British Legion to use their registered trade mark (the poppy) which you were using as your twitter feed logo? I can send a screen shot if necessary.

And if so can you please confirm how much tax payers money was used to pay for it?

If there was no permission from the rights owner can you please explain what the consequences are for staff when they use other peoples trade marks without consent?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The display of a poppy for the purposes of commemoration including on Twitter is encouraged by The Royal British Legion. There is no charge to the MOD for its use.

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, 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 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,

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