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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 27 July requesting the following information:

"1) Can you state the general location and description of the following operations: Op Catan, Op Branta and Op Tramail?"

2) What is the cost for each operation?"

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.

| Operation | Location | Purpose |
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| Op CATAN | Somalia | Support to United Nations mission |
| Op BRANTA | Egypt | Support to Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) |
| Op TRAMAL | Tunisia / Libya | Support to Libyan governance |

We do not routinely release the costs of on-going operations until in year costs are collated at the end of the financial year, at which point they feed into our Annual Accounts which are reported to Parliament. All of the Operations above currently fall into this category, but will be reflected within the MOD Annual Report and Accounts for financial year 2016-17 which when published will be available via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications>

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.

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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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