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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

The MOD is now able to make a substantive response to your enquiry emailed to us on 17<sup>th</sup> July, which requested the following information:

*"can you provide the total cost of RN Operations for each of the past five years?"*  
(FOI Reference 2015/06442)

and

*"can you provide the annual cost of RN training exercises for each of the past five years?"*  
(FOI Reference 2015/06449)

Your enquiries are being treated as requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that the information in scope of your requests is not in fact held.

It is not possible to provide answers to these questions due to there being no requirement for this information to be reported. RN assets can be involved in other activities at the same time – such as 'Royal Navy in the Public Eye' – and we would have difficulty in establishing a discrete cost for an operation or exercise only. We do cost military assistance Operations such as Op GRITROCK (West Africa Ebola Virus) but this is generally only to determine the marginal/net additional cost to the MOD, so that it can be recovered from other government departments such as DFID and FCO. Therefore the full cost of the operation is not calculated.

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 this office 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.

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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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