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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails of 29 June and 12 July in which you requested the following information:

*"I would be grateful if you could supply me with the following information (in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000) relating to MoD (including DIO) and British Army support to Corps and Regimental museums:*

*What financial support is being given to each museum in financial year 2016/17 broken down into: Manpower, Electricity, Gas, Water, Telephone, Cleaning, Building Maintenance, Security, IT Support, Stationery, and Other Support.*

*What financial support has been or will be provided to effect the relocation of any Corps or Regimental museums in the period 2010 to 2022 broken down into building costs, movement costs, project (manpower) costs, and other costs.*

*An explanation of the methodology used to calculate the support which Corps and Regimental museums receive from the British Army."*

*"What financial support has been given to any Army endorsed military museum located on MOD or civilian land in the following categories:*

*- A museum relocated from MOD to civilian land since 2005?"*

I am afraid that the Ministry of Defence does not hold most of the information requested. However, under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, I can provide some information that you may find helpful.

There are 69 Regimental and Corps museums that receive financial support from the Ministry of Defence. These are museums for units that form part of the Order of Battle. There are a number of other Regimental and Corps museums that do not receive any funding from the Ministry of Defence as the Regiments concerned no longer exist as a result of various reviews within the Ministry of Defence. The Department funding for supported museums is provided in a number of ways; Grant-in-Aid, Civil Servants employed directly by the Ministry of Defence; and rent, rates, utility and maintenance costs.

The Grant-in-Aid funding for staff directly employed by museums is administered by the Army Museums Ogilby Trust. This financial year, the Grant-in-Aid is estimated at £1.508M. Details of the Trust can be found at:

<http://www.armymuseums.org.uk/regimental-corps-museums.htm>

The Ministry of Defence holds the information on the funding where civil servants are employed within museums. However, this information is being withheld under section 40 of the Act (i.e. personal information). This is because the numbers of civil servants employed in each museum is less than five individuals per museum and could lead to them being identified. However, I can advise that the total capitation rate of those civil servants employed within funded museums is £1.45M for this financial year. This amount could vary if any of the individuals concerned ceased employment. Any replacement staff will, in future, be employed directly by the museum in question and funded via the Grant-in-Aid, which will increase to take account of such changes.

Regimental and Corps museums also receive funding by way of maintenance and utility bills for example. However, this information is not held as this funding is not separated from the maintenance contracts and utility bills for the sites concerned.

The Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers museum relocated from Arborfield and Bordon to Lyneham in 2016. The cost of the museum including design, refurbishment/repair, partial new build and VAT was £4,113,295.

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Yours sincerely,

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