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Dear

Thank you for your email of 4 August 2015 requesting the following information:

*"Could you please tell me the total annual cost to the taxpayer for the last three financial years of the Royal Artillery Hunt?*

*How many hounds are there in the hunt and at what cost?*

*How many full time and part time staff are employed by the hunt and at what cost?"*

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 (MOD) and I confirm that we do not hold any recorded information in respect of this request.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Royal Artillery Hunt is issued an MOD trail hunting licence to access MOD land but has no formal connection and is not funded in any way, by the MOD.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat

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