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Dear

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2016 requesting the following information:

*“What the Ministry of Defence has spent on Kneller Hall in Whitton, which houses the Royal Military School of Music, in each year since 2006.
Any written representations or records of meetings in which MoD ministers were lobbied on the future of Kneller Hall since 2006.”*

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 can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below and at Annexes A and B, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data) and etc of the FOIA and has been redacted.

MOD Kneller Hall spend

Financial Year	Spend £m
2006-2007	0.6
2007-2008	0.6
2008-2009	0.5
2009-2010	0.7
2010-2011	1.1
2011-2012	1.1
2012-2013	1.1
2013-2014	1.2
2014-2015	1.5
2015-2016	1.1 (estimate)

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is

therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that within the MOD Kneller Hall spend:

- Financial year 2006- 2007, 2007-2008 no other information other than rates for Kneller Hall is held.
- Financial year 2009-2010 does not include utility costs which are not held.
- Financial year 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 utility charges are based on average usage.
- Financial year 2014-2015 there is spike due to a slightly increased spend on site maintenance.
- Financial year 2015-2016 is an estimate until the end of the year.

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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