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Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your emails dated 10 July 2015 and 5 August 2015. You asked:

10 July 2015:

I am looking to find the annual cost associated to the storage of household effects for serving personnel who are posted abroad.

This service forms part of a contract effectively known as "The Global Removals Management Services" (GRMS) which is held by Agility logistics but ultimately overseen by DE&S.

I am making this request under the "freedom of information act" and would like to know the cost to the public purse of this service, for the accounting periods 2010 to 2014 inclusive if possible.

5 August 2015:

I wish to request information relating to the costs associated with storage of serving personnel's household goods whilst they are on overseas postings.

The Department that holds the responsibility for this service is DE&S Abbeywood, Bristol.

The contract that covers this requirement is the Global Removals Management Services, (GRMS Contract)

The information I would like is as follows.

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The average number of individual consignments held in removal contractors private storage, year on year from 1st October 2010 to the present date.

The total amount of furniture held in removal contractors private storage in Cubic Metres year on year from 1st October 2010 to the present date.

The total cost to the public purse for the storage element of this service, year on year from 1st October 2010 to the present date.

I am treating your emails as requests for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your requests is held.

Information for the period October 2010 to March 2012 is not held in a format that enables us to calculate figures against the criteria requested. Information for the period April 2012 to May 2015 is contained in the following table:

Contract period	Consignments held in store (Monthly average)	Total Volume in store (Monthly average) m ³	Total Storage costs
01 Oct '11 – 30 Sep '12	1,424 ¹	33,092 ¹	£1.3M ¹
01 Oct '12 – 30 Sep '13	2,099	50,240	£1.9M
01 Oct '13 – 30 Sep '14	2,627	61,654	£2.4M
01 Oct '14 – 30 Sep '15	3,125 ²	69,931 ²	£2.9M ²

¹ Figures representative of data held for the period Apr '12 - Sep '12 inclusive

² Figures representative of data held for the period Oct '14 - May '15 inclusive

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Yours sincerely


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