



# Ministry of Defence

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Our Reference: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated [REDACTED] in which you requested the following information:

How many times has your organisation made representations/protests in the countries listed over their treatment of the following groups:

- a) LGBT+
- b) Christian
- c) Women

How many times has your organisation made representations/protests to another Government Department over taxpayers money being spent either in direct or indirect aid in the countries listed.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

It has been assessed that the costs for providing this information will exceed the appropriate limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you reduce or refine your request to bring the cost of compliance under the limit, for example you may wish to limit your request to a specific country or region.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), it may be helpful if I explain that responsibility for international relations would fall under the remit of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). If you wish to make an FOI request to the FCO please click on the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-office>

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,

Defence People



