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Date: 2 September 2015

Your correspondence dated 4 August 2015 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

A breakdown of all Ministry of Defence and British Army funding amounts given to RUSI (Royal United Services Institute) up to 2015 and any future planned/allocated spend. I would like the total amounts given and information on specific projects funding was given for, if any.

I am writing to confirm that Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information on the subject you have requested. However, I have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because to locate, retrieve and extract information in scope of your request would involve contacting every department within the MOD to determin if there is any future intended or allocated expenditure planned because this information is not centrally held, at least some 15 man days of effort.

Section 12 of the 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. This might be by requesting this information for specific Departments/areas of the MOD and/or specifying a precise time frame.

Please contact me if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide advice and assistance while processing FOI requests, and I have therefore included some additional information below that you may find useful.

The table below contains the originator department of the payment and the amount authorised for the last 5 financial years.

Current Vendor Name	BLB Name	Payments 10/11	Payments 11/12	Payments 12/13	Payments 13/14	Payments 14/15
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	NAVY	4,000.00		10,497.00		
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	FA HQ	90.10				
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	CGS ACR	77.80				
ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES	LONDIST				766.67	19,965.00
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	Pers P&B		796.00			
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	1st DIV				150.00	
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	FTC				745.00	12,000.00
ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES	FD ARMY BUD					20,000.00
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	GS P and B		149.00		37,500.00	42,075.00
ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES	GS P and B				3,237.70	1,490.40
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	CAP REQ			11,000.00		
ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES	CAP REQ					41,000.00
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	90 SU					1,304.00
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	CINC/DCINC	255.00				
RU\$I TRADING LIMITED	HQ STAFFS & SUPPORT				149.00	5,846.10
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	GCPP/ACPP		5,000.00			
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	Fin Dir			300.00		
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	CDI	299.00				
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	DXP					1,411.00
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	STRATEGY		35,000.00	38,550.00		
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	CIO		25,000.00			
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	D POL PLANNING-DAF	1	57,328.90	33,950.00	37,500.00	15,106.48
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	DCDS CAP	149.00	149.00			
ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES	D STRATEGY				35,000.00	50,350.00
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	SEC POL & OPS HO				448.00	326.00
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	PROGRAMME COSTS			1,200.00		
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	DCDI				4,420.00	
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	LHO DMC				226.95	
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	DCDC				8,166.67	
ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES	STRATEGIC WEAPONS				10,000.00	15,000.00
ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES	TORNADO MARHAM DEPTH	28,000.00				
RUSI TRADING LIMITED	IMOC OP COSTS					650.00
		£ 32,871	£ 123,423	£ 95,497	£ 138,310	£ 226,524

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.

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Resources Secretariat