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Dear

Thank you for your email of 21 June 2016 requesting the following information:

"Of the £1.4bn spent on 'construction' by the MOD in 2013/14, what proportion of this figure was attributed to the DIO?"

How much did the FLCs and the RFCA spend on 'construction', outside of the DIO managed projects, in 2013/14?"

How much of the DIO, the FLCs and the RFCA's individual spend in 2013/14 was on building materials?"

What was the split of this building materials expenditure between new capital works and RMI work?"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under 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 some information in scope of your request is held and can be found below.

Q. Of the £1.4bn spent on 'construction' by the MOD in 2013/14, what proportion of this figure was attributed to the DIO?

A. £660 million was spent on assets under construction by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) in Financial Year 2013/14. This figure does not include capital additions that were purchased 'in year'.

In regards to your question "How much did the FLCs and the RFCA spend on 'construction', outside of the DIO managed projects, in 2013/14?" I can confirm that the MOD holds some of the information you have requested; however, I have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate cost limit. This is because to locate, retrieve and extract the information in scope of your question would involve recalling records from archives, interrogating said records and extracting the information which would take at least some 5 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. You could do this by asking for the amount spent on construction by an individual Top Level Budget (Army, Air Force, Navy, Joint Forces Command), rather than asking for information on all Front Line Commands. Please contact me if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to note that no information is held to respond to your remaining questions; our contractors and their sub-contractors may be able to provide you with the information and we recommend that you make contact them directly.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your Freedom of Information request, then you should contact DIO Secretariat 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, 2nd Floor, Zone N, 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,

DIO Secretariat