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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 29 November 2016 in which you requested the following information regarding the Royal Navy monitoring of the Admiral Kuznetsov while it was transiting past the UK during October 2016:

'I would like to find out if there is a way that the cost of the operation in question can be approximated. Can the salaried hours of each of the 567 personnel be calculated, and added to the (approximate) total cost of fuel, and any other particular preparations which had to be made for this operation: eg repairs or purchases needed for the vessels?'

Your enquiry is considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

There are no additional costs for this tasking as the manpower, fuel and associated costs are budgeted for already. The manpower and fuel costs that would have been incurred during a period of the same duration as this operation have been estimated to be in the region of £1.394M. The manpower capitation rates used for the estimate include basic pay, National Insurance and pension contributions, and an element of specialist pay.

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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