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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 15 May 2015 requesting information on the Royal Navy Skeleton Bob team and their participation at the Royal Navy and Combined Services Championship at La Plagne in March 2015, specifically numbers participating and costs. Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested and taking your questions in order:

1. *How many uniformed RN personnel attended these championships?* 15*
2. *How many MOD civilian personnel attended these championships as part of the RN Team?* 0*

Note* All totals are rounded in accordance with the Defence Statistics rounding policy. Figures have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 5 and numbers that would be rounded to 0 are represented by '~'.

3. *What was the total cost of attending and putting on these championships? More specifically:*
 - a. *What was the total cost of the track hire for the La Plagne Bobsled track for the entire 3 week period of the championships?* Track Hire €5800.00
 - b. *What was the total cost paid to Mark Warner for the hotel accommodation for the entire 3 weeks period?* Accommodation £27785.00

These costs are from non-public funds.

Athletes attending the Championship are entitled to claim Cash in Lieu of Rations (CILOR) at a daily rate of £8.10 from public funds for their three weeks of attendance.

Equipment and clothing is funded by an annual grant allowing the equipment to be maintained throughout the year. Any extra equipment required through the year is bought via the Nuffield Trust (non-public funds).

There are no publicity costs associated with the event.

It should be noted that each participating athlete is required to contribute £150.00 per week (total £450 each) of their own money towards the event.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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