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Dear ,

Your correspondence dated 20 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:

The total amount in pounds sterling spent on defence which counts towards the NATO spending target between the years of 2010-2015, broken down by type of spending and financial year.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information in scope of your request. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain and can be accessed via the links below:

[Defence Expenditures of NATO Countries \(1995-2015\) \(Financial and Economic Data Relating to NATO Defence\)](#)

http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_120866.htm

Detailed information on Defence spending can be found in the latest edition of the MOD Annual Reports and Accounts which can be accessed via the link below:

[MOD Annual Reports and Accounts 2014-2015](#)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445955/20150716-17-MOD-ARAc-combined-at-16-July-2015-print-version.pdf

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,

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