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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 1 August 2016 requesting the following information:

*Please provide information about the number and nationality of personnel from foreign military, law enforcement or coastguards who have received training under any of the following Royal Navy/Marines international programmes in the last two years:*

- *International Officer Course (IOC)*  
[http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/brnc/brnc12\\_ioc.pdf](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/brnc/brnc12_ioc.pdf)
- *Exclusive Economic Zone Protection Officer (EEZ)*  
[http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/operations/warfare%20officer/11\\_10\\_ops\\_eez.pdf](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/operations/warfare%20officer/11_10_ops_eez.pdf)
- *Operational Sea Training (where the training included an EEZ unit)*  
[http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/flexible%20training%20options/ost/fto12\\_ost.pdf](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/flexible%20training%20options/ost/fto12_ost.pdf)
- *International Maritime Training Team (IMTT) - Board and Search*  
[http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/imtt/04\\_05\\_imtt\\_board\\_search.pdf](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/imtt/04_05_imtt_board_search.pdf)
- *Board and Search Course (Compliant)*  
[http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/royal%20marines/rm%20training/05\\_11\\_rm\\_board\\_search.pdf](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/royal%20marines/rm%20training/05_11_rm_board_search.pdf)
- *Mobile Sea Training Team (MSTT)*  
[http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/flexible%20training%20options/training%20teams%20mobile/fto12\\_mobile\\_st.pdf](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/~media/royal%20navy%20responsive/documents/idt/flexible%20training%20options/training%20teams%20mobile/fto12_mobile_st.pdf)

*Please state the date and cost/revenue of each training package delivered.*

*For any MSTT items, please include details of the syllabus delivered and any preceding Training Needs Analysis (TNA) or scoping visit.*

Your enquiry has been 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 and I can confirm that some of the information requested is held.

The information requested that is available is attached at Annex A to this letter.

It has not been possible however to provide figures for numbers of individuals trained on the MSTT courses listed, as these are only recorded in terms of the vessels, listed in the table, and not by individuals.

In addition it has not been possible to provide the details of course syllabus and Training Needs Analysis (TNA) requested of the MSTT courses. No information regarding TNA for these courses has been found. With regard to the course syllabus, this information has been considered by the Department and a public interest test has confirmed that it falls within the scope of the following qualified exemptions.

#### Section 27 (International Relations)

Under s27(1), information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests of the UK abroad or the promotion or protection by the UK of its interests abroad. Some of the information may, if disclosed, impact negatively on, or prejudice the UK's international relationships and interests.

Providing training to countries around the world builds their capacity to effectively tackle security challenges and is part of our longstanding network of Defence relationships which help keep our country safe. All our support is delivered in line with the UK Government's Overseas Security and Justice Assistance Guidance.

#### S41 (Information Provided in Confidence)

Under s41(1), information is exempt if its disclosure would be an actionable breach of confidence, an action for breach of confidence can be brought to prevent disclosure of commercial, personal and official information of a confidential nature.

The balance of the public interest was found to lie in withholding the information provided under terms of confidence and the prejudice that was likely to result with foreign nations if the information was released.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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://.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

<b>Foreign Personnel undergoing Training in Royal Navy international programmes Sep 2014 to Aug 2016</b>				
<b>Course</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Nationalities</b>	<b>Costs/Revenue</b>	<b>Notes</b>
International Officer Course	2 May 16 - 25 Nov 16	Qatar (9)	£308K	
EEZ (UK, 4 weeks)	Sep/Oct 14	Chile, Vietnam, Tanzania, Senegal, Ghana, Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Kenya, Angola, Jamaica, Lebanon.	£58K	
	Jan/Feb 15	Georgia, Seychelles, Pakistan (2), Sudan, Azerbaijan (3), Ukraine	£40K	
	Jun 15	Albania, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, Vietnam	£49K	
	Sep/Oct 15	Azerbaijan, Kuwait (3), UAE, Belize, Nigeria, Somaliland, Kenya, Jamaica, Seychelles	£49K	
	Jan/Feb 16	Bangladesh (2), Nigeria (2), Mozambique, Lebanon, Morocco, Pakistan, Georgia, Tunisia	£44K	
	Jun 16	Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Colombia, Chile, Madagascar, Philippines, Tanzania, Uruguay, Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone	£53K	
EEZ (export, 1 week)	Sep 14	Brunei (4), Fiji, Indonesia (3), Japan (2), Malaysia (2), New Zealand, Phillipines (16), Samoa, Singapore (2), Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Vietnam (9)	nil recorded	Held in Phillipines
There are no set costs for countries hosting these 5-day EEZ(EXPORT) courses. However, when these are held the defence sections in those countries will feed through expenses	Dec 14	Somaliland (13)	£12K	Held in Ethiopia
	Feb 15	Burkina Faso, Ghana (50), Ivory Coast (2), Mali, Nigeria (6), Rwanda (4), Sierra Leone (4), Tanzania (2), Togo, Zambia	£4K	Held in Ghana
	Apr 15	Fiji (13), New Zealand (5), Samoa, Tonga, UK	£30K	Held in Fiji
	Jul 15	Brazil (35)	nil recorded	Held in Brazil

incurred for payment/reimbursement. The Instructor's T&S costs for travelling there will also be funded in this way as well, but separately. Both of these spends are then recorded.	Jul 15	Georgia (18), Ukraine (5)	nil recorded	Held in Georgia
	Sep 15	Brunei (2), China (3), Indonesia (2), Japan, Malaysia (15), PNG, Phillipines (3), South Korea, Vietnam (4)	£28K	Held in Malaysia
	Oct 15	South Africa (15)	nil recorded	Held in RSA
	Apr 16	Kenya (3), Madagascar, Mozambique (2), Somalia (2), Tanzania (5)	£31K	Held in Tanzania
	Apr 16	Fiji (10), New Zealand (5), Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu	£30K	Held in Fiji
	May 16	Brunei (3), Indonesia (6), Malaysia (3), Phillipines (2), Thailand (2), Vietnam (9)	£34K	Held in Vietnam
	Jul 16	Albania (24), Croatia, Italy, Malta, Slovenia, Turkey	nil recorded*	Held in Albania
	Jul 16	Anguilla, Bahamas (2), Barbados, Belize (3), Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Guyana (4), Haiti (2), Jamaica (6), Montserrat	£,6K*	Held in Jamaica  <b>*due to courses being quite recent, possibility further costs will be received.</b>
	Operational Sea Training containing an EEZ unit		Nil	
IMTT Board and Search (2 weeks)	Jan 16	Jamaica, Belize, Barbados, Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St Kitts & Nevis, St Vincent & The Greandines, Trinidad & Tobago	£5K	Held in Barbados. Nil cost to countries
IMTT Board and Search (1 week)	Mar 16	Royal Saudi Naval Force (15)	£2K	Held in Saudi Arabia. Nil cost to countries
Board and Search (Compliant)		Nil in last 2 years		
MSTT	Sep-Nov 14 and 15	Chile - 1 Frigate and 1 Submarine trained	£270K	
	Dec 15	Saudi - 1 Hunt Class MCM	£128K	

Please Note: Costs have been rounded to the nearest thousand pounds Sterling.

