



Our ref: FOI 2016/00273

Your ref:

Date: 20 January 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 December 2015 requesting the following information:

“Athena database search to follow up on your original request FOI2015/07609:

1. *What are the aims and wider objectives of the following project: Large Scale Data Processing and Open Source Intelligence (LSDP&O) project*
 - a. *Please provide a detailed discussion of these aims and wider objectives.*
2. *Please supply any briefing notes, technical specifications, policy papers, discussion documents or other relevant documentation regards this projects aim and wider objectives.*
3. *Please provide a costing for this project (I do not need an exact price if this would prove onerous)”.*

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

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

With reference to your original question 1, we attach two documents which should give some insight into the aims and objectives of the “Large Scale Data Processing and Open Source Intelligence” project.

With reference to your original question 3, the project runs for two years and will cost approximately £3 million.

We have carried out a search of the Athena database using the search terms “Large scale data processing & OSINT” but depending on the exact terms used we either get no results or many hundreds, which cannot be dealt with within the cost limit of 3.5 working days of effort for Freedom of Information requests.

To help us identify the information you require, it would be helpful if you could refine your request.

Based on the information provided above, a more specific search term may give us better results and enable us to provide you with the information you require.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, 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

Dstl Secretariat