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Please reply to:

Our Reference:  
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Date:  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 requesting the following information:

*“Please provide the total financial worth and total number of MOD contracts awarded to the global pharmaceutical company Roche from 2010 to 2015.”*

I am 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 MOD, and I can confirm that the MOD has awarded no contracts to Roche or any part of its corporate family in the time period requested.

I can confirm, however, that the MOD has made the following miscellaneous payments over the same period:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Value of Payments	£ 282,393	£ 200,106	£ 181,334	£ 19,814	£ 245,921	£ 26,607
Total Number of Payments	175	117	97	34	34	22

The MOD defines miscellaneous payments as:

*“The payment method employed by Defence Business Services (DBS) Finance (the MOD’s primary bill paying authority) for running service items such as the provision of utilities does not require an actual contract number to be generated. Such items are covered by “miscellaneous” transactions which are generated where no ‘MOD HQ Contract’ exists. These agreements for goods or services will have been set up locally between the MOD Branch and the Supplier and are legally binding. The MOD Authorising Branch submits the invoice to DBS Finance and payment is generated on their authorisation.”*

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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>.

Yours sincerely,

Secretariat  
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