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Email [REDACTED]

Our ref: FOI 2015/07609
Your ref:

Date: 2 October 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 4 September 2015 in which you requested the following information:

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 can confirm that your correspondence is being treated 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 we can confirm that information relating to items 1, 2 and 3 of your request is held. However, we have to advise you that in accordance with Section 12 'Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit', we will be unable to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We can also confirm it has been calculated that to provide all of the information you have requested would take one person 4 working days to complete.

In accordance with Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to understand that although we hold information that is within the scope of your request, this is not all held centrally on a single database due to the many categories and aspects of research in which MOD is involved. A brief overview of these can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dstls-areas-of-work-programmes-and-project-portfolios>. To identify the information that you have requested, we would need to review the project-specific information relating to the individual project across a number of areas in which work programmes are conducted to create the data to address your request.

To assist us to identify the information you require, it would be helpful if you could reduce and refine your request. We would suggest that your request is more targeted to specific documents or papers rather than "any briefing notes, technical specifications, policy papers, discussion documents or other relevant documentation".

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.

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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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