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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 5 February 2016 requesting the following information:

Did the Ministry of Defence pay for a NLA (Newspaper Licensing Agency) or CLA (Copyright Licensing Agency) media license in 2013-2014?

If so, how much did the Ministry of Defence pay for the licenses in 2013-2014 (please provide the figures separately)?

Did the Ministry of Defence pay for other media licenses in 2013-2014? Please list any other media licenses the council subscribed to and how much was paid for them in 2013-2014.

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

I also note that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) has received a further seven requests from you for NLA and CLA media licences purchased by Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL), United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), Independent Medical Expert Group (IMEG), Defence Scientific Advisory Council (DSAC), Scientific Advisory Committee on the Medical Implications of Less-Lethal Weapons (SACMILL) and Review Board for Government Contracts (RGBC) between 5 February 2016 and 17 February 2016. These requests have been aggregated.

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

The Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 gives publishers the right to control the ways in which their material may be used. The purchase of an NLA licence is mandatory in order for the MOD to copy and distribute media content within the organisation both online and offline, and protects the department from breaching copyright law.

Some of the organisations you have specified have purchased a media licence from the News Licensing Agency (NLA) in the financial year (FY) 2013/14 (see table below). The IMEG, DSAC, SACMILL and RBGC (now disbanded) did not purchase NLA licences.

The CLA has a single cross-Government licensing arrangement with the Cabinet Office and therefore none of the specified organisations hold an independent media licence with the CLA. There were no other media licences purchased.

Department	NLA licence payment 2013/14 (£) ¹
MOD	£45,927
DSTL	£3,603
UKHO	£4,401 ²
MDP	£1,715

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 www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

DDC Secretariat Parliamentary

¹ All figures are rounded to the nearest pound and include VAT.

² £8,802 was paid for a two-year licence.