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Your correspondence dated 14 September 2015 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

I would like to know the annual budget that you are assigned for 2015/2016 & the annual expenditure between 2014/2015

Please find below the information you requested.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) budget for 2015/2016 is £34.6Bn.

I can confirm that the MOD holds information is scope of the second part of your request. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain in the MOD Annual Report and Accounts and can be accessed via the links below:

MOD Annual Reports and Accounts 2014-2015

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445955/20150716-17-MOD-ARAc-combined-at-16-July-2015-print-version.pdf

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide advice and assistance while processing FOI requests, and I have therefore included some additional links below that you may find useful.

Defence departmental resources: 2014

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/defence-departmental-resources-2014

Defence Departmental Resources 2015 is due to be published on 8 October 2015 and will be available via the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics

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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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