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**Subject:** RE: [OFFICIAL] FOI Request 20160356  
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Dear s.40

With regard to your request for information on NDA expenditure on training courses, please see the information below and attached.

- 1) I would like to know NDA's total expenditure on external training courses. It would be helpful if this could be provided per year, preferably since the NDA's inception, or as long as our record retention permits if less.

Please find learning & development expenditure, by year for the periods 2008/09 through to 2015/16 (latest estimate). Please note this expenditure includes continuing professional development, coaching, various courses such as defensive driving, first aid and other forms of development. It has been presented in this way as our financial system does not break out specific forms of expenditure, therefore it would have required a significant amount of work and the creation of new data records to meet your request.

- 2) As a sub-set of this, I would like to know:

To respond to 2) above, we have utilised information held in NDA records regarding our Further Education process which has been summarised in attached spreadsheet. There may be programmes in our normal L&D delivery that do lead to qualification (e.g. first aid etc.) but we have interpreted this request as requesting academic qualifications, which are met through our FE process. Our FE record go back to 2007 although there may have been requests / approvals that predated this.

- a. the total spent per year, on courses resulting in a recognised qualification, and the number of courses this covers (i.e. total number of course places) **Included in the spreadsheet**
- b. the number of post-graduate courses the NDA has paid for and the total cost (also preferably by year) **Included in the spreadsheet**
- c. the number of Doctoral qualifications the NDA has paid for or contributed to since its inception, both for employees and for external candidates, and the total costs per year (including course costs, fees and any T&S costs and management / administrative overheads if this is facilitated externally by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party on our behalf e.g. via>NNL). **Data held by NDA L&D only relate to internal (staff) requests. There are bursary schemes sponsored by NDA that are normally intended to support full time students in their studies. These include the scheme administered by s.40 team, but also support (as funding) donated to NSAN for appropriate educational bursaries. Our data is based on business case approval values, and does not include the breakdown of course fees, T&S etc.**

- d. The number of students that have withdrawn from courses before completion  
**Included in the spreadsheet**
- e. The number of students that NDA have withdrawn funding from before course completion (excluding any students who have initiated the termination or where the course provider has initiated the termination, or where there have been academic performance issues etc.) **Included in the spreadsheet – though none in this category**

If you are dissatisfied by the way we have handled your request, please contact me in the first instance at [enquiries@nda.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@nda.gov.uk)

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Regards,

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**From:** s.40

**Sent:** 25 February 2016 16:18

**To:** Enquiries; s.40

**Cc:** s.40

**Subject:** [OFFICIAL] FOI Request

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FAO s.40 - Information Access Officer

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I'd like to request some information under the FOI Act in relation to NDA support of training courses. This is as follows:

- 1) I would like to know NDA's total expenditure on external training courses. It would be helpful if this could be provided per year, preferably since the NDA's inception, or as long as our record retention permits if less.
- 2) As a sub-set of this, I would like to know:
  - a. the total spent per year, on courses resulting in a recognised qualification, and the number of courses this covers (i.e. total number of course places)
  - b. the number of post-graduate courses the NDA has paid for and the total cost (also preferably by year)
  - c. the number of Doctoral qualifications the NDA has paid for or contributed to since its inception, both for employees and for external candidates, and the total costs per year (including course costs, fees and any T&S costs and management / administrative overheads if this is facilitated externally by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party on our behalf e.g. via NNL)
  - d. The number of students that have withdrawn from courses before completion
  - e. The number of students that NDA have withdrawn funding from before course completion (excluding any students who have initiated the termination or where the course provider has initiated the termination, or where there have been academic performance issues etc.)

A simple spreadsheet with the above elements by year would probably be the easiest format to provide the data in, such as that attached.

Regards

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