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By Email:

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Your Reference:

Our Reference:

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Date:

12 February 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 19 January 2015 in which you request the following information:

***'I am a student from the University of South Wales which is currently running a project on maintenance costing due to Foreign Object Damage. I have been seeking information regarding financial cost among military aircraft due to FOD but could not find any.***

***Could you please provide the maintenance cost incurred during fiscal year 2012/2013 or 2013/2014 among UK military aviation, and also standard publications they refer to regarding FOD prevention for each service.'***

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

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

The information you have requested can be found attached. Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that we have interpreted your request as referring to damage arising from foreign objects located externally (e.g. in the airfield or hangar), rather than loose article hazards within the aircraft itself.

The Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Article 1400 on Flight Safety can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/regulatory-article-ra-1400-flight-safety>

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.

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Yours sincerely,

**DE&S Policy Secretariat**

<b>Search Period</b>	<b>Number of Foreign Object Damage incidents recorded across all military air platforms</b>	<b>Cost Incurred</b>
1/1/13 – 31/12/14	2	Nil