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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 August asking how the MOD deals with the cost of fuel when working with allied nations. You have asked the following:

Firstly when RAF tankers supply fuel to allied aircraft, is that fuel reimbursed by said nation?

Secondly if the RAF uses the tankers of allied nations are we billed for the cost of the fuel?

If there is a different procedure for different nations please assume that in this instance I am only looking for information on procedures with US aircraft and French aircraft.

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

After a search of our records I can confirm that information within scope of your request is held. Fuel costs are reimbursed for Air To Air refuelling. The nation receiving the fuel pays for any fuel taken. For fuel given to or received from French aircraft, the charges are raised via invoice and payment is then made accordingly. For US aircraft the fuel transactions are included in the off setting arrangements we have under a Fuel Exchange Agreement whereby US and UK use each others fuel via this reciprocal agreement.

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.

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Yours sincerely



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