



Ministry of Defence

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Our Reference: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 2 February 2017 in which you requested the following information:

A [REDACTED] was paid £25,212.40 for the "expert" evidence [REDACTED] gave to the flawed [REDACTED] Tribunal. His expenses were for work, travel and expenses. The "expert" evidence he gave to [REDACTED] was empirical evidence from his British nuclear Test experiences one assumes. He was an [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the time he gave evidence for the MOD. Please advise how the £25,212.40 was arrived at. Please detail:-

1. Work
2. Travel
3. Other expenses

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A review of our data holdings has been completed, and I can confirm that the MOD does hold some information within scope of your request; this is provided below.

Expert witnesses have an important role in cases of this type. Expert evidence can be used to assist the court in determining the issues in a case where it is relevant and the opinion of an expert is needed to give the court a greater understanding of those issues. They play an important part in the administration of justice.

The total figure of £25,212.40 paid to [REDACTED] by the Treasury Solicitors Office (now known as Government Legal Department) in respect to the Nuclear Veterans Pension Appeal proceedings comprises of the following:

1. Work amounting to £24,262
2. Travel amounting to £256.40
3. Other expenses amounting to £694

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, <http://www.ico.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,

Defence People