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Dear ,

Thank you for your e-mail of 13 August asking for information about the fuel costs of C-130J, C-17 and Atlas A400M aircraft.

You requested the following information:

"Please provide the following information for the calendar year 2016:

- 1. The total amount of fuel used by MOD aircraft of the following types - C-130J, A400M and C-17.*
- 2. The cost of the total amount of fuel used by each of those aircraft types.*

If there is a problem providing this information by calendar year, then I am happy to accept information for the financial year 2016/17."

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 some information in scope of your request is held. Details of the quantity of fuel used by the three aircraft fleets during financial year 2016/17 is given in the table below:

Aircraft Type	Quantity of Fuel Used FY16/17 (Litres Millions)	Cost of Fuel Used FY16/17 (£ Millions)
A400M	16.4	5.3
C-17	80.7	26.1
C-130J	31.6	10.2

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the Act, you may wish to note that the RAF does not hold information breaking down fuel costs by aircraft type. The cost figures given

have therefore been calculated using an average aviation fuel price across the RAF. The C-17, C-130 Hercules and Atlas A400M are at the core of the UK's strategic and tactical airlift capability. The Air Mobility fleet is capable of a range of tasks including the transportation of personnel, equipment and supplies into strategic bases or if necessary, small austere operational tactical runways. They can react with speed and flexibility to natural and humanitarian disasters and provide much needed aid on behalf of the UK. They also play a vital role in the evacuation of wounded personnel from overseas operations back to the UK.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,


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