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Thank you for your email dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 requesting the following information:

*"I refer to the Departments review of unarmed guarding and quote reference: DBR-DefSy-04-03-11 15 May 2013 Guarding and Civil Policing Change Programme – Update ,*

*This reference stated that the decision has been made to replace some MGS with MPGS, which eventually happened, The referenced update stated that this decision to replace MGS with MPGS was made because it would make a saving of £40 million per year.*

*Can you confirm that this saving has been achieved each year since the decision and if not please advise exactly how much savings have been made per annum since the decision was taken".*

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

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

The savings which have been achieved per annum, since the decision to replace the MGS with MPGS can be found below:

Financial Year	Saving Achieved £M
2013/14	£36.168M
2014/15	£39.484M
2015/16	£39.556M
2016/17	£40.624M

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Yours sincerely

Directorate of Security and Resilience

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