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Thank you for your email of 2 May in which you requested the following information:

I am a reporter at the Sunday Times, and am writing to request the following under the freedom of information act.

- -a list of donations made to Royal Military Academy Sandhurst since January 2013, including
- 1. the size of the donation:
- 2. the country, organisation or person which gave the donation; 3. the reason for the donation.

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.

Some information held by the Department falling within scope of your request is exempt from release under section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act and is therefore withheld. This is because it contains names and section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

A copy of the information which can be released is detailed below.

In the period between January 2013 and March 2017, the Academy has received £565 of donations to its service non-public funds. These donations were in respect of a memorial fund for a previous Academy member of staff.

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, Ground 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, https://ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

