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Reply to: [redacted] 24 October 2016

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 15 October 2016 in which, following our letter dated 20 September, you have requested the following information:

> *" Please list the total cost of all litigation MOD Vs British Nuclear Test Veterans since the first."*

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can advise that this department holds information in scope of your request. The further information is set out below:

The total legal costs including charges and disbursements for the civil litigation and the Ionising Radiation Appeal brought by the Nuclear Test Veterans against the MOD as on the 18 October are £4,108,317.86 (excluding VAT) of which the MOD has recovered £4 million (including interest and VAT) from the Claimants' After the Event insurers under costs orders made in its favour in the civil litigation.

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, 2nd 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,

(Original Signed)
Defence People Secretariat