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Thank you for your email of 3 July in which you requested the following information:

This request concerns the investigation of allegations of misconduct by British forces in Afghanistan.

- 1) Please state the total cost to 03/07/2017 of Operation Northmoor.
- 2) Please state the:
  - i) mean average
  - ii) median average, if available amount of time spent by RMP officers in investigating each alleged incident of unlawful killing by British forces in Afghanistan considered by Operation Northmoor.
- 3) Please provide a breakdown of the kinds of allegation made against British forces that was considered by Operation Northmoor, providing the numbers of each kind of allegation that was made

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 information in scope of your request is held and is attached.

Q1. Around £9M.

Q2 (i) Mean Average: circa 10,000hrs.

Q2 (ii) Median Average: circa 1,000hrs.

Q3. 195 allegations of criminal conduct and 480 allegations of non- criminal conduct (Total 675).

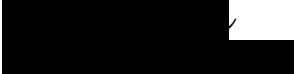
Operation Northmoor has discontinued more than 90% of the 675 allegations received because there was no evidence of criminal or disciplinary offence. To date, no case has been referred to the Service Prosecuting Authority, but investigations continue.

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](mailto: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,

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