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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 17 November in which you requested the following information:

"Using the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, could you provide me with information about the deployment of UK troops to the Baltic States as part of the NATO Enhanced Forward Presence.

Could you provide the following information:

- 1. How much as the deployment cost to date, over and above the routine running costs of the units involved (salaries, etc)?*
- 2. Could you break these costs down into specific items, such as fuel, air travel, local employees, ammunition, charges for hiring local vehicles, VIP visits and buildings?*
- 3. How many local staff have been employed by UK forces in Estonia and Poland?*
- 4. Has any infra-structure been build to support the UK deployment? If, so what is involved and how much has this cost? Which companies or organisations carried out this work?*
- 5. How much have NATO and the host nations contributed the UK to cover the costs of the deployment?*
- 6. Has this additional funding been found from the Army Headquarters TLB or has funding been made available from the MOD centre budget, the Conflict Prevention Fund or the Treasury Contingency Reserve?*
- 7. Has the PJHQ received any requests from deployed commanders for new equipment to be purchased with urgent operational requirement (UOR) funding? How many such requests have been made, what were they for, how much did they cost, how many of them have been approved and how many have been delivered to theatre? Where these UOR funding by the Treasury or the MOD?"*

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 some/ the information in scope of your request is held and is as follows:

To date the deployment costs are circa £32M and have been funded by the Conflict Prevention Fund.

Some £8.5M of this was pre-deployment set-up costs.

The Army has identified the following breakdown of the remaining costs since deployment in April 2017 to Estonia:

| Expenditure type | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Fuel | £852K |
| Air Travel | £303K |
| Local employees | No locals employed by UK Armed Forces |
| Inventory | £21. 4M |
| Transport | £193K |
| VIP visits | |
| Equipment | £727K |

All infrastructure costs have been borne by Estonia as part of the agreement to provide UK Armed Forces and are not held by the MOD. The Estonians have made significant contributions to this deployment but this has been delivered through direct enabling activity rather than financial contribution to the UK.

Routine Collective Training activity so as to reach the appropriate standard conducted by the deployed force is funded from the Army's core budget and is not included in the deployment costs.

Finally, there have been no Urgent Operational Requirements for equipment.

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Yours sincerely,


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