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From: Air [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 October 2015 15:46
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: 20150929_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months
Attachments: 20151008_FOI 08411 FD Events.xlsx

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FYI, here is the spreadsheet wrt staff rides.

[REDACTED] Air Command [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Air-I [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 October 2015 15:43
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20150929_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months

Hi [REDACTED]

I no longer receive or have access to any information for 'actual' expenditure (invoice payments as an example) but can ask for it from the BLB Team, but not sure how successful I will be.

[REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] with the staff ride costs for the last 6 months so that is also available as and when required.

I will let you know what I get back from the BLB Team

Thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Air Command [REDACTED]



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From: 22TrgG [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 October 2015 15:29
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20150929_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months

[REDACTED] PSB a FOI, in order to accurately reflect our expenditure for the past 6 months on centralised Eagles Schemes, could you possibly send me a copy or print off of all F0234A expenditure? My plan is to capture expenditure associated with Eagles Nest, Comete Eagle, Dambuster Eagle Wildemess Eagle and Amhem Eagle.

Any help would be very much appreciated.

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Eagles Scheme**

From: Air [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 October 2015 14:59
To: 221 [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20150929_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months

[REDACTED]

This is what I propose to send the requester today, so that he can refine his request to come under the cost limit of answering an FOI. Are you happy with the last para?

I have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because the time taken to locate, retrieve, and extract information would involve searches at individual RAF stations at locations that are spread over a wide geographical region, and would involve spending well in excess of the appropriate cost limit. **Some information in scope of your request is held centrally by Air Command.**

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 24 hours locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of this request if you reduce or

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refine it to bring the cost of compliance under the limit by narrowing your request about a specific type of Force Development event. HQ Air Command holds some information about some aspects of Force Development such as Adventurous Training, and staff rides, which are training events to promote and develop learning on air power, leadership and other key aspects of Force Development. Please contact this office if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so, and I will be pleased to consider it again.

[REDACTED] | Air Command [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Air- [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 October 2015 15:56
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20150929_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months

Thanks [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


[REDACTED] | Air Command [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: 22 [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 October 2015 15:47
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 20150929_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months

[REDACTED] saw this just before I was departing overseas but was up to my ears in responding to other associated PMs. Just catching up, not sure if anyone's responded yet (hopefully they have), if not I can provide information on the centrally run eagles schemes we've delivered in the last 6 months. With regard to wider Stn run FD this would need to go out to all stations separately and [REDACTED] would have been best placed to do that.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From: Air [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 October 2015 09:09
To: 22T [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: 20150929_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months
Importance: High

PSB. [REDACTED] popped into the office yesterday, and confirmed that 22 Trg Gp do hold information concerning events (staff rides) within the past 6 months, and suggested that a couple of the questions could be answered from the list below in my original email of 29 Sep.

Grateful for your input by the end of this week, as aware the clock is ticking....

MT.

From: Air [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 September 2015 11:12
To: 22TrgGp [REDACTED]
Subject: 20150929_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months
Importance: High

FOI – RAF FD Events within the past 6 months

Having just spoken [REDACTED] over in Halton, he suggested I also sent this FOI request to you. Do you have any records of any RAF staff rides/overseas expeditions etc that have taken place within the past 6 months or so?.

Any data you can provide by COP 7 Oct would be great.

VMT.

Air Command [REDACTED]

From: Air [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: 2 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 20150922_FOI 07415 FD Events
Importance: High

[REDACTED]
You may recall the recent FOI request concerning details of FD events for RN, Army and RAF, with a request to provide the following information for each event:

- i) The date of the event
- ii) The venue of the event
- iii) The reason for the event
- iv) The internal spend on the event
- v) The name of external vendors and caterers
- vi) The amount spent on each external vendor and caterer
- vii) The name of event sponsors
- viii) The amount received from each event sponsor
- ix) The job title of the booking officer(s)

[REDACTED] has narrowed [REDACTED] request down to **RAF FD events for the last six months.**

Grateful if you could provide any recorded information of FD events that have taken place recently, using the questions (if applicable) above as a guide to the type of information the requester is asking for wrt each event.

A response by **COP 7 October** would be great.

Happy to discuss, and as always, VMT.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Air Command [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 September 2015 15:31
To: Air [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: 20150922_FOI 07415 FD Events

Thanks for this.

You say

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of this request if you reduce or refine it to bring the cost of compliance under the limit by narrowing your request to six months and asking about a specific type of Force Development (FD) training event, for example, an expedition, or Battlefield studies (see definitions of FD below). Please contact this office if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so, and I will be pleased to consider it again.

Please can I have this information in respect of the RAF for the last six months?

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Please contact me on [REDACTED] if there are any problems with my request.

Very best wishes,

[REDACTED]
On Sep 22, 2015, at 7:53 AM, Air-DRes Sec-ParliBusiness (MULTIUSER) <air-dressec-parlibusiness@mod.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached a response to your recent FOI request, 2015-07415.

Yours sincerely

HQ Air Command
Secretariat [REDACTED]

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Air- [REDACTED]

From: Air [REDACTED]
 Sent: 16 October 2015 08:44
 To: 22Trg [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: 20151015_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months
 Morning [REDACTED]

Can you give me a call pls, if possible before 10am as I am in CAG then.

Ta.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Air Command [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

From: 22TrgGp [REDACTED]
 Sent: 15 October 2015 15:12
 To: Air [REDACTED]
 Cc: 22Trg [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: 20151015_FOI RAF FD Events for past six months

[REDACTED]

In general I am content with the information contained but please note that this is from a perspective of not being privy to what is and what is not acceptable to be presented in questions such as this. May I suggest a couple of changes to the word document as I feel we are possibly being misleading in our response as the activities included represent a tiny portion of activities conducted under the banner of FD.

Questions i, ii, and iv. Please find attached a list of RAF Force Development events for the last six months, which includes date, venue (location) and internal spend on the event. – change to:

Questions i,ii and iv. Please find attached a list of centrally authorised activities that a) is information obtainable under the FOI timescales and costings and b) is an aspect of Force Development.

Question iii. Airpower studies, ethos and heritage are the reasons for the Force Development events – change to:

Question iii. Airpower studies, ethos and heritage are the reasons for conducting these particular Force Development events.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

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