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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 January 2018 requesting the following information:

*"Please can you advise as to the estimated cost to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) for screening someone who is currently SC Cleared working at a the Ministry of Defence (MOD) to then be sponsored to DV Clearance level by the Ministry of Defence (MOD)?"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that all of the information in scope of your request is held.

The cost of processing "Developed Vetting (DV) – Initial" is £1,360. In line with Departmental requirements, this figure has been rounded to the nearest five.

Due to the nature of the security vetting process mandated by the Cabinet Office, each process remains separate, and as such a Security Check (SC) Clearance holder cannot be uplifted to hold DV without the requisite checks being conducted.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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