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[REDACTED],
Thank you for your email dated 26 February 2018 in response to my letter dated 21 February 2018. You refined your earlier request (FOI2018/01774) to:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information

(1) How many EU flags has the Royal Navy bought since 23 June 2016?

(2) How much money has the Royal spent on buying EU flags since 23 June 2016?

I am treating your email as a request for information in accordance with 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 information in scope of your request is held.

As I stated in my earlier letter we have interpreted your request as a reference to the flag of the EU which consists of 12 yellow stars on a blue-sky background.

EU flags for the Royal Navy can be purchased using a contract managed by Defence Equipment & Support. Under that contract a total of seven EU flags have been purchased for the Royal Navy since 23 June 2016 at a total cost of £241.

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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