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Dear ,

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 February requesting the following information:

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

The total staff cost for your Department's Communications Directorate in 2016-17, including temporary staff and directly associated costs such as pension contributions

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

The total staff costs for financial year 2016/17, including pay, National Insurance contributions, and pension contributions, for the Directorate of Defence Communications (DDC) was £7,324,614.27.

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

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Yours sincerely,

DDC Secretariat Parliamentary