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Reply to: [REDACTED]

17 October 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 September 2017 requesting the following information:

"Please detail the total litigation costs to date - MOD Vs. British Nuclear Test Veterans"

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

I can advise you that following a search of our records, I have established that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information within the scope of your request.

The information the Government Legal Department holds in relation to your request is as follows:

The total legal costs including charges and disbursements for the civil litigation and the Ionising Radiation Appeal brought by the Nuclear Test Veterans against the MOD as at 28 September 2017 is £6,236,931 (including VAT), of which the MOD has recovered £4 million (including interest and VAT) from the Claimants' 'After the Event' insurers, under costs orders made in the Department's favour in the civil litigation.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely,

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