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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 July 2018 to the What Do They Know website, requesting the following information:

"1. Since the inception of the Elizabeth Cross how many have been issued?"

2. Please break down the total (answer to question 1) by service:

Royal Navy:

Royal Marines:

British Army:

Royal Air Force:

3. How much does it cost per (this to mean the complete cost of the Elizabeth Cross, miniature and scroll) next of kin".

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 the information in scope of your request is held.

Question 1: Since the inception of the Elizabeth Cross on 1 July 2009, 2,750 awards have been issued to the Next of Kin between 7 August 2009 and 8 August 2018.

Question 2: The number issued between 7 August 2009 and 8 August 2018 broken down by Service is as follows:

Royal Navy: 134

Royal Marines: 154

British Army: 2,315

Royal Air Force: 147

It should be noted that the figures above also include the Next of Kin of Reservists, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and Merchant Navy personnel.

Question 3: The complete cost to the Ministry of Defence per Next of Kin is £74.09. This sum includes the award itself, the printing and production of the Memorial Scroll, staffing hours, administrative costs, posting and packaging.

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