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Dear XXXXXXX,

Thank you for your email of 17 May in which you requested the following information:

'Please could you tell me how much money has been spent on rehoming retired army dogs Kevin and Dazz, since the defence secretary announced on 4 December 2017 that they were being saved.

If possible I would like the cost broken down by accommodation, running costs (heating/food), and staffing costs.

Could you tell me if a new kennel/housing had to be constructed for them? Can you confirm this is at the Defence Animal Centre in Melton Mowbray? Can you say if there are any staff specifically dedicated to looking after them and if so, how many?

If you were able to provide any more information as to their welfare that would be much appreciated.'

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and can be found below.

The costs associated with MWD 5539 (Kevin) and 5147 (Dazz) since 4 December 2017 are broken down as follows:

Accommodation/Running and Food Costs	Manpower Costs	Rehoming Costs	Total Cost
£	£	£	£
3,535	2,304	4239.8	10,079

Please note heating costs are included within Accommodation / Running Costs and cannot be broken out.

Both dogs have been successfully rehomed and are therefore no longer at Melton Mowbray. As a consequence, no new or specific kennelling or staff support is required for their care. Prior to being suitably rehomed both dogs were assessed by a military veterinary officer to be in good health.

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Yours sincerely,

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