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Reply to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 29 August 2018 requesting the following information:

"I would like to know the amount of government funding/grants made to individual military charities over the last 10 years and what the money was for if specified."

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

I must advise that this request is exempt under Section 12 of the FOI Act because it has been calculated that action to determine if MOD holds any information in scope of the request, and extracting the relevant information where held would exceed the cost limit set by the FOI Act.

Section 12 of the FOI Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act, public authorities are required to provide the requester with advice and assistance especially where a request for information exceeds the appropriate cost limit. Therefore I can advise you that you may wish to consider refining your request by being more specific about which charity/charities you are interested in.

When reconsidering your request you may be interested in the following:

The Government Grants Register which lists grant schemes that Government Departments have run since the 2013-14 Financial Year (this system did not exist prior to this):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-grants-register>

Noting that your email advises your question is about grants to charities to support injured Service Persons families, I can inform you that the biggest grant schemes seen since 2012 which have benefited Service charities are the Libor Fund and the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, which is an independent trust separate from the MOD.

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust shows grants made since its inception (in 2015) here: <http://www.covenantfund.org.uk/grants-weve-funded/>

Also located below is a link to a Parliamentary Question which may assist you: <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-03-06/131324/>

However, please note that any refined request might still be subject to exemptions under the FOI Act.

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. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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