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Reply to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2018 requesting the following information:

- i) What is the total number of new CCF units which have been opened in state schools, since the start of the Cadet Expansion Programme?*
- ii) As of 01 September 2018, how many of these new units (formed under the Cadet Expansion Programme) had ceased to operate?*
- iii) Do any agreements in place between the MOD and state schools with CCFs, permit schools to use financial rewards (for example salary enhancements) to incentivise teachers or other members of school staff to volunteer at the CCF?*
- iv) If state schools are permitted to use financial rewards to incentivise teachers or other members of school staff to volunteer at the CCF, is any of this funding supplied by the Ministry of Defence (either directly, or indirectly - for example through the Army, Navy or Air Force)?*
- v) If state schools are permitted to use financial rewards to incentivise teachers or other members of school staff to volunteer at the CCF, and this money originates from the MOD (either directly or indirectly) is this money from public or non-public funds?*
- vi) If state schools are permitted to use financial rewards to incentivise teachers or other members of school staff to volunteer at the CCF, and this money is provided (either directly or indirectly) through the MOD, what is the total amount of money that has been requested by state schools between September 2014 and September 2018, for this purpose?*
- vii) What proportion of any monies requested (as per point vi) has been awarded to the schools making requests?*
- viii) Does the MOD have access to a breakdown of funding (in totality) provided to new CCF units, broken down by unit type (RAF, Army etc.)?*
- ix) How much funding has been provided to RAF CCF units established under the Cadet Expansion Programme?*
- x) How much funding has been provided to Army CCF units established under the Cadet Expansion Programme?*
- xi) How much funding has been provided to Navy CCF units established under the Cadet Expansion Programme?*
- xii) If it is not possible to provide a breakdown of funding by unit type, what is the total funding provided to state schools for the establishment of CCF units under the Cadet Expansion Programme?"*

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

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information within scope of your request. The responses are set out below in the order you have set in your request.

Of the 180 new cadet units which have opened in state schools since the start of the Cadet Expansion Programme (CEP), 115 were CCF units.

As at 1 September 2018, 17 CCF units have ceased to operate.

To answer points iii to v I can inform you there are no agreements in place to incentivise teachers or other members of school staff to volunteer at the CCF. However, under S.16 (Duty to provide advice and assistance), you may wish to note that the Cadet Bursary Fund (CBF), managed by the Combined Cadet Force Association, aims to support the Government's Cadet Expansion Programme by helping state schools to set up, grow and sustain their cadet units. The CBF can provide financial assistance to support the recruitment and remuneration of staff and adult volunteers.

In response to points vi and vii I advise that no financial rewards are provided directly or indirectly through MOD. However, under S.16, between September 2014 and September 2018, the Cadet Bursary Fund received requests from schools totalling £7.206M. The Cadet Bursary Fund awarded 77% of the total amount requested. The discrepancy is because of schools bidding for more than they are entitled to, or because their bids did not meet the eligibility criteria. Please find attached a copy of the Cadet Bursary Fund Policy and Guidance.

Information is not held in the format you have requested at points viii - xii because the majority of funding is not provided directly to individual units.

However, under S.16, I advise that the total amount spent by the cadet headquarters on CEP units (from the £50M LIBOR funding) was:

Financial Year	Royal Navy £	Marine Society & Sea Cadets £	Army £	Royal Air Force £	Total £
2016/17	447,430	811,262	5,138,785	448,868	6,846,345
2017/18	1,444,777	1,741,485	6,419,333	454,600	10,060,195
Total	1,892,207	2,552,747	11,558,118	903,468	16,906,540

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Yours sincerely,

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