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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 20 March requesting the following information:

“How many staff within the MOD actively work on planning and organising the UK’s annual Armed Forces Day (include the number and whether they are full or part time / how many hours they spend working on the AFD)?

Of the staff working on Armed Forces Day how many are paid by the taxpayer (from the public purse / civil service)?

What is the combined salaries of the persons working on the Armed Forces Day?

Please clarify whether the annual grant / donation / cost from/to the MOD to the Armed Forces Day is £25,000 per year. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/armed-forces-day-2019-to-be-held-in-salisbury>”

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

In regard to information held by the MOD relating to the planning and organisation of Armed Forces Day, in accordance with Section 12 of the FOI Act, the MOD is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the cost of doing so would exceed the appropriate limit. This is currently set at £600 for central government. The Fees Regulations require that the costs are estimated at the rate of £25 per person per hour. The £600 appropriate limit relates to an official devoting around three and a half days (24 hours) of chargeable staff effort to a request. It has been estimated that your request will exceed this limit. We are unable to provide advice that would assist you to refine your request.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the cost of £25,000 referred to in the link you provided on Gov.uk is correct.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint 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. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat