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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 15 September 2018 requesting the following information:

*\*Please could you tell me the total financial value of the Ministry of Defence's art collection? Please could you break down the total figure for each of the three services?*

*\* How many individual pieces of art are there in the MoD's art collection? Could you please break this figure down for each of the three services?*

*\* Could you please list the three most valuable works of art held by each of the three services, including, if possible, the value of each piece of art?*

*\* Does the Ministry of Defence employ any art curators? If so, could you say how many and detail their salary range?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that we do hold not information in scope of your request.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, Advice and Assistance, you might find it useful to note that there has been no Departmental expenditure on acquiring art items over the last seven years. The Ministry of Defence (MOD) Art Collection has been disestablished and ownership of the most significant works have been transferred to other public institutions in order to ensure their continued protection and public display.

Further information regarding the disestablishment of the MOD Art Collection and details of the items we previously held can be found at the following links, which you may find helpful.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-19/60832/>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Lords/2016-05-12/HLWS698/>

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 me in the first instance. 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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.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 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 [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

DDC Secretariat Parliamentary