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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 26 April requesting the following information:

*“How much money in £’s did the MoD receive each year for the Enhanced Learning Credit Scheme, in 2017, 2018 and 2019?”*

*How much money in £’s did the MoD receive each year for the Standard Learning Credit Scheme, in 2017, 2018 and 2019?*

*In total How much money did the MoD receive each year for the further education of its personnel, in 2015, 2016 and 2018?*

*How many UK armed forces personnel (regular and reserve) successfully received funding from the Enhanced Learning Credit Scheme, in 2015, 2016 and 2018?*

*How many UK armed forces personnel (regular and reserve) successfully received funding from the Standard Learning Credit Scheme, in 2015, 2016 and 2018?”*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held. Your questions are answered in the order that you asked them in the paragraphs below. Please note that the MOD does not ‘receive’ money, the schemes are funded out of the MOD budget with a contribution from the Department for Education for the Publicly Funded Further Education – Higher Education Scheme for Service Leavers.

In answer to your first question, the amounts paid out by the single Services towards the cost of ELCs are detailed at table 1, below. Please note only Level 3 and above qualifications can be studied using ELCs (equivalent to A Level or NVQ 3 etc.)

Table 1 – ELC expenditure

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Total spend</b>
FY16/17	£17.6m
FY17/18	£18.1m
FY18/19	£14.3m

In answer to your second question, the amounts paid out by the single Services towards the cost of SLCs are detailed at table 2, below.

Table 2 – SLC expenditure

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Total spend</b>
FY16/17	£1.50m
FY17/18	£1.33m
FY18/19	£1.36m

In answer to your third question, there is a Publicly Funded Further Education – Higher Education Scheme for Service Leavers. The Higher Education England Funding under this scheme is detailed at table 3, below:

Table 3 – Further Education expenditure

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Total spend</b>
FY15/16	£7.48m
FY16/17	£6.22m
FY17/18	£6.14m
FY18/19	£7.12m

In answer to your fourth question, ELC Claims that were made and funded are detailed at table 4, below:

Table 4 – ELC Claims

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Total claims</b>
FY 15/16	11602
FY 16/17	10914
FY 17/18	11034

In answer to your fifth question, SLC Claims that were made and funded are detailed at table 5, below:

Table 5 – SLC Claims

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Total claims</b>
FY 15/16	11030
FY 16/17	10907
FY 17/18	9750

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Yours sincerely,

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