



# Ministry of Defence

Secretariat  
Defence Infrastructure Organisation  
Kingston Road  
Sutton Coldfield  
B75 7RL

E-mail: diosec-parli@mod.gov.uk  
www.gov.uk/DIO

[Redacted]

20 December 2018

Ref. FOI 2018/15016

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 23 November 2018 requesting the following information:

“Can you please provide the following information with regards to the use of public funds allocated for the upkeep of the RAF Benson estate.

- Total amount allocated for the last 5 years, with amounts clearly stated for each financial year.
- Total amount spent for the last 5 years, with amounts clearly stated for each financial year.
- A breakdown for each year on how the budget was divided among the different areas of RAF Benson (e.g Technical site, JR barrack blocks, SNCO Mess, Leisure facilities).
- Per year breakdown of amounts spent on each area (e.g Technical site, JR barrack blocks, SNCO Mess, Leisure facilities).
- Where money has not been spent, please provide an explanation for why money was not re-allocated to a different area or spent on general maintenance.”

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 some information in scope of your request is held and therefore I can answer as follows:

1. Total amount allocated for the last 5 years, with amounts clearly stated for each financial year.

No information in scope of your request is held.

2. Total amount spent for the last 5 years, with amounts clearly stated for each financial year.

Total Spend	FY13/14	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17	FY17/18
RAF BENSON	£ 3,410,000.00	£ 2,768,000.00	£ 2,500,000.00	£ 3,500,000.00	£ 1,660,000.00

3. A breakdown for each year on how the budget was divided among the different areas of RAF Benson (e.g Technical site, JR barrack blocks, SNCO Mess, Leisure facilities).

No information in scope of your request is held.

4. Per year breakdown of amounts spent on each area (e.g Technical site, JR barrack blocks, SNCO Mess, Leisure facilities).

The information is not held in the format requested.

5. Where money has not been spent, please provide an explanation for why money was not re-allocated to a different area or spent on general maintenance.”

No information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note there is not a budget or funding allocated to individual sites. The upkeep of the RAF Benson estate is included in a core contract that delivers a suite of services across the regions and budget and funding allocation is on a regional basis. Reactive maintenance is based on need and funding is provided on a priority basis.

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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made in writing 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,

DIO Secretariat