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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 27 June in which you requested the following information:

Can I please ask you to tell me what nations sent soldiers to be trained at Sandhurst in 2018?

- 1. How many foreign cadets were trained (please list number of cadets per nation)?*
- 2. What was the British Army paid for this training (please disaggregate by nation)?*
- 3. What other monies was paid to Sandhurst by foreign states between 2013 and 2018 outside cadet fees (please disaggregate by nation, listing what the money was for).*

If this request is too big please start with the first point and continue until my allocated funds for FOI run out.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. Following my letter dated 25 July, the Department has considered this case further and it has been decided that some of this information is exempt under Section 27(1) of the Act (International Relations), which exempts information that if disclosed would, or would be likely to, prejudice the relations between the United Kingdom and any other state.

Section 27(1) is a qualified exemption which requires a public interest test to establish the balance of releasing or withholding information. In this case, the arguments for release include the public interest in the relations between other nations and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, and the Army's funding sources. Arguments to withhold include the potential impact on relationships with other states. It has been decided that on balance the breakdown by nation of the amount paid by nation should be withheld, as release would be likely to prejudice the relations between the United Kingdom and any other state. However, the consolidated total paid to the Army has been included and can be found below.

Total paid to Army for students starting a course between 01 Jan – 31 Dec 2018
£4,593,801.12

Student Breakdown

Country/Territory	Numbers
AFGHANISTAN	10
ALBANIA	~
AZERBAIJAN	~
BAHRAIN	5
BARBADOS	~
CHAD	~
EGYPT	~
GEORGIA	~
GERMANY	~
GHANA	~
IRAQ	~
JAMAICA	~
JORDAN	10
KENYA	~
KOSOVO	~
KUWAIT	~
KYRGYZSTAN	~
LEBANON	~
MALAYSIA	~
MONTENEGRO	~
NEPAL	~
NIGERIA	~
OMAN	10
PAKISTAN	5
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY	~
QATAR	5
SAUDI ARABIA	~
SINGAPORE	~
THAILAND	~
UGANDA	~
UKRAINE	~
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	10
USA	~

Notes/Caveats

- Figures have been provided by RMAS
- Figures relate to those students starting courses between 01 Jan - 31 Dec18
- It does not include those already in training as of 31 Dec 17
- Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 5
- ~ denotes less than 5
- Figures relate to various course lengths

Under Section 16 of the Act (advice and assistance), it may be useful for you to know that nations are charged equally for courses, but courses may be paid for by a combination of self and UK funding. Because of this and the number of various course lengths recorded during a calendar year it is impossible, from the figures provided, to produce an average figure for the cost a country pays. Section 40(2) has also been applied to some of the information to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in deciding to withhold the information.

In response to serial 3 of your request, I can confirm that there are no records of any other monies being paid to Sandhurst by foreign states between 2013 and 2018 outside of Cadet fees.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made 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,

Army Secretariat