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Via:

September 2nd 2019 Our Ref: FOI2019/09067

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 18th June 2019 requesting the following information:

Under the FOI Act I would like details of:

- 1. The number of staff cars and the annual cost of call staff cars whether owned or leased by the MoD and Armed Forces.*
- 2. The number of all spot hires, short term or daily hires used by the MoD and the annual cost.*
- 3. The number of taxis used by Ministry of Defence personnel and the annual cost.*

I would like the latest figures available for a 12 month period.

Further to the questions in my letter dated 15th July 2019, you responded on 15th July 2019 with the following clarifications:

Q. The 12 month period you require, i.e. is it the last financial year April 2018 – March 2019?

A. Yes.

Q. The Phoenix II contract covers Land Forces, Air Command, Defence Equipment and Support, Joint Forces Command, Navy Command, Head Offices and Corporate Services and Defence Infrastructure Organisation. Is this the information you seek?

A. Yes

Q. When referring to "staff cars" are you referring to chauffeur driven cars?

A. I am referring to Chauffeur driven cars and cars provided to individuals in command posts, such as the commanding officer of an infantry battalion.

Q. In relation to taxis, do you require tri-service information regardless of assignment type, for instance data is held on regulars and reservists?

A. Yes - I would like a total figure if possible otherwise a figure for Ministry of Defence civil service personnel will suffice.

Following my response to FOI2019/08191 on 3th July 2019, you replied on 1st August 2019 requesting:

- 1. The number of staff cars and the annual cost of call staff cars whether owned or leased by the MoD and Armed Forces under Phoenix II.*
- 2. The number of all spot hires, short term or daily hires used by the MoD and the annual cost under Phoenix II.*
- 3. The number of taxis used by Ministry of Defence personnel and the annual cost under Phoenix II.*

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

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.

The information you have requested can be found below.

1. 81 staff cars were provided at a total cost of £301,505 (ex VAT).
2. 214,056 UK rental bookings were made at a total cost of £37,475,956 (ex VAT).
3. 11,629 bookings for taxis were made at a total cost of £1,761,484 (ex VAT).

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the following:

- a. all of the above bookings were made under the Phoenix II contract;
- b. the MOD allocates staff cars to specified one-star and above posts;
- c. it is not possible to separate taxi costs from chauffeur driven costs and, therefore, the response to question 3 includes both taxi and chauffeur services;
- d. the figures provided here are the value of all hires that were invoiced within the 2018 – 19 financial year;
- e. the values include any sundries also invoiced as part of the booking e.g. collection, delivery or fuel costs;
- f. each booking may contain requests for multiple vehicles; and
- g. the bookings in question 2 includes multiple vehicle types such as cars, minibuses and coaches.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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