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November 14th 2019 Our Ref: FOI2019/11894

Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email of 9th October 2019 requesting the following information:

This is an information request relating to taxi costs.

Please include the following information:

- *The overall amount spent on taxis for members of staff in 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.*
- *The overall amount of taxi journeys taken by members of staff in 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.*

If taxi costs cannot be provided under Section 12 of the FOIA, then I would prefer this request to be restricted to headquarters staff only.

Following my letter dated 17th October you refined your request as follows:

- *All taxi and chauffeur driven car costs for members of staff during 2016-2017 (commencing 1st September 2016), 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.*
- *The overall amount of taxi or chauffeur driven car journeys taken by members of staff between 2016-2017 (commencing 1st September 2016), 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.*

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, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found in the table below, but the information relating to 2018-19 falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 21 (Information Readily Accessible To The Applicant By Other Means) of the FOIA and has been withheld due to it being requested under a previous Freedom of Information request reference FOI2019/09067. However, in order to assist you, this information can be found in the table below.

YEAR	COST (Ex VAT)	NUMBER OF BOOKINGS
1/9/16 – 31/3/17	£340,812	1478
1/4/17 – 31/3/18	£1,396,021	7768
1/4/18 – 31/3/19	£1,761,484	11,629

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. if a booking was not billed within the period that it was originally requested, it may appear within the spend for a subsequent financial period;
- c. the values include any sundries also invoiced as part of the booking e.g. collection, delivery or fuel costs; and
- d. one booking does not constitute one journey, as multiple journeys may have happened for that booking.

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). 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,

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