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Via email: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 7 October 2019 requesting the following information:

*"The amount of funding from the EU given to Defence Nuclear Organisation in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Broken down into a year by year basis.
And the same but for UK funding instead of EU funding."*

We have treated your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has been conducted within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and we can confirm that MOD holds some information relevant to your request. However, this information is withheld under Section 21 (Information Reasonably Accessible to the Applicant by Other Means).

Under Section 16(1) of the Act, whereby public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance to requestors, you may find it helpful to note the following points:

The European Union does not fund the DNO; DNO is allocated funding from the Defence budget, which is set by the government.

The MOD's budgetary information is for financial years, which run from 6 April to 5 April, rather than calendar years. Therefore, while some information on Defence Nuclear Organisation (DNO) funding is available, it is not in the format you have requested.

Information on DNO funding is not available before financial year 2017/18, as DNO did not exist as a budget-holding area of the MOD before this time. Information is also not available for financial year 2019/20 as funding can increase or decrease throughout the year as the MOD prioritises planned spending across the department.

DNO funding for financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19 is contained within in the MOD Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19 (page 196 refers), which can be accessed at the following link: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/831728/MOD_Annual_Report_and_Accounts_2018-19_WEB_ERRATUM_CORRECTED.pdf

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

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Nuclear Organisation Secretariat