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Via email:

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Dear

Thank you for your email of 29 October 2019 requesting the following information about the Nuclear Research Advisory Council (NRAC):

"According to the information available, what was the total expenditure of the NRAC in the last twelve months?

Additionally, please provide a breakdown of the expenditure of the NRAC in the last twelve months."

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 no information in scope of your request.

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 that this is because, as an Advisory Non-Departmental Public Body, the NRAC does not administer any public funds. You may also find it helpful to note that the NRAC Chair and Members are paid a daily rate of £465 and £380 respectively, for their Council work which is expected to be up to 20 days per year. Travel and other reasonable expenses are also paid in line with MOD policy.

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

If you wish to complain about any aspect of 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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk</u>). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Nuclear Organisation Secretariat