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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 10 February 2020 asking about Programme Guardian. Specifically, you asked:

"I am writing under the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION act 2000 to request the following information in regards to Project Guardian.

- 1. Can you provide a breakdown of the total cost of equipment and contracted work in relation to the installation at CRC Boulmer, RAF Scampton and RAF(U) Swanwick.*
- 2. A breakdown of the projected transport cost and allowances that service personnel are anticipated to claim.*
- 3. The current manpower of BM Ops Wing, (CRC Boulmer, CRC Scampton, RAF (U) Swanwick) and the projected manpower upon the completion of Project Guardian."*

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 some information within the scope of your request is held.

In April 2018, the Secretary of State for Defence, the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP announced IBM had been awarded a contract to develop and install a new Air Command and Control System. The contract was for some £60 Million, with a further £20 Million of costed options the MOD could exercise if it wished, totalling some £80 Million.

Information on the projected service travel and allowance costs for personnel affected by Programme Guardian is not held but will be based on current regulations. Full costs will only be known on completion of the Programme.

The current BM Ops Wg manpower establishment covering CRC Boulmer, CRC Scampton and RAF(U) Swanwick is 507 posts. The projected establishment following the completion of Programme Guardian is not held as the future requirement is still under consideration.

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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely



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