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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 14 January 2020 requesting the following information:

“Can you please tell me how much was paid to each of the following in both 2018/19 and 2019/20 periods for Cloud and data centre services and where possible provide a breakdown of the total spend into IaaS, and PaaS.

- *Cloud computing: On-demand availability of computer system resources, especially data storage and computing power, provided by companies such as Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud and Microsoft Azure.*
- *Data centre services: Either A) In-house data centre services, provided by facilities owned and operated by the government. B) Colocation services provided by external companies such as CenturyLink or Inovem.*
- *IaaS: Infrastructure as a Service are online services that provide high-level APIs used to dereference various low-level details of underlying network infrastructure like physical computing resources, location, data partitioning, scaling, security, backup etc.*
- *PaaS: Platform as a service, a cloud computing model in which a third-party provider delivers hardware and software tools -- usually those needed for application development - to users over the internet.”*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found enclosed below, please note we do not record amount spent against IaaS and PaaS specifically.

Finacial Year:	Total amount spent on Cloud and Data services (excluding VAT):
2018/2019	12,219,010

Finacial Year:	Total amount spent on Cloud and Data services (excluding VAT):
2019/2020	£10,672,003

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Digital Secretariat