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Your correspondence dated 18 March 2019 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You requested the following information:

*I am doing research on the evolution of the UK Government's defence spending since the Suez crisis. Would it be possible for me to have some statistic resources from 1956 to date?*

Please see the response below.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information in scope of your request. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA, because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is published in the Appendix of the House of Commons Briefing Paper on UK Defence Expenditure (Number CBP 8175) which is already in the public domain and can be accessed via the links below:

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-8175#fullreport>

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide advice and assistance while processing FOI requests, and I have therefore included some additional information below that you may find useful.

Detailed information on Defence spending for financial years 2003/04 to 2017/18 is published in the relevant MOD Annual Reports and Accounts which can be accessed via the links below:

## **MOD Annual Reports and Accounts**

2017-2018 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-defence-annual-report-and-accounts-2017-to-2018>

2016-2017 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-defence-annual-report-and-accounts-2016-to-2017>

2015-2016 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-defence-annual-report-and-accounts-2015-to-2016>

2014-2015 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-defence-annual-report-and-accounts-2014-to-2015>

2013-2014 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-ministry-of-defence-annual-report-and-accounts-2013-to-2014>

2012-2013 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-annual-report-and-accounts-201213>

2011-2012 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-annual-report-and-accounts-2011-12>

2010-2011 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-resource-accounts-2010-11>

2009-2010 – (Consolidated Departmental Resource Accounts) -  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-resource-accounts-2009-10>

2008-2009 - [http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc0809/hc04/0467/0467\\_i.asp](http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc0809/hc04/0467/0467_i.asp)

2007-2008 - [http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc0708/hc08/0850/0850\\_i.asp](http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc0708/hc08/0850/0850_i.asp)

2006-2007 - <http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc0607/hc06/0697/0697.asp>

2005-2006 - <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmselect/cmdfence/57/57.pdf>

2004-2005 - <http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc0506/hc04/0464/0464.asp>

2003-2004 - <http://www.archive2.official-documents.co.uk/document/deps/hc/hc1080/1080.htm>

The MOD Annual Accounts for 1988/89 to 2002/03 are not available on-line but may be available via The Stationery Office (TSO), at a local public library or you may be able to arrange to view the documents by contacting the Parliamentary Archives. You will be required to quote the relevant International Standard Book Number (ISBN) and the document title which you can find in the table below:

Year	ISBN
<b>MOD Annual Reports and Accounts</b>	
2002-2003	0-10-292361-2
<b>MOD Consolidated Departmental Resource Accounts</b>	
2001-2002	0-10-291953-4
<b>MOD Appropriation Accounts</b>	
2000-2001	0-10-291310-2
1999-2000	0-10-278801-4
1998-1999	0-10-556641-1
1997-1998	0-10-252399-1
1996-1997	0-10-285498-X
1995-1996	0-10-268897-4
1994-1995	0-10-021255-7
1993-1994	0-10-020544-5
1992-1993	0-10-023553-0
1991-1992	0-10-275293-1
1990-1991	0-10-029009-4
1989-1990	0 10 269790 6
1988-1989	0 10 271290 5

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<https://www.tsoshop.co.uk/Information/Contact-Us/>

The link below will take you to the TSO Shop:

<https://www.tsoshop.co.uk/>

Details on contacting the Parliamentary Archives can be found at the link below:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/parliamentary-archives/visiting-and-services/enquiry-services/>

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](mailto: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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I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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