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Dear

Thank you for your email of 5 May 2020 requesting the following information:

“British soldiers are currently paid an extra allowance for every night they are away from their home unit. This can be in the UK or overseas. This allowance is called LSA (Long Separation Allowance). If you could please tell me how much the MOD spent on this allowance for the 18/19 and 19/20 financial year.

Also soldiers are paid a daily allowance for the extra cost of living in overseas locations, this allowance is called LOA (Local Overseas Allowance). If you could please tell me how much the MOD spent on this allowance for the 18/19 and 19/20 financial year.”

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The following information was provided from the Joint Personnel Administration System on 22 May 2020 and includes all branches of the Armed Forces:

Allowance	Financial Year 2018-2019	Financial Year 2019-2020
Longer Separation	£102 million	£100.4 million
Local Overseas	£118.8 million	£106.5 million

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.gov.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,

Defence Business Services Secretariat