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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2020, requesting the following information:

- "1. What was the cost to the MoD of taxi and chauffeur driven cars for staff members in 2019/20?"**
 - 2. What was the total number of bookings logged by the MoD for journeys made by MoD staff and paid by the MoD for the 2019/20 financial year.**
 - 3. If possible, within the FOI cost limit please state the single most expensive booking and what were the departure and arrival destinations, giving the towns rather than the exact addresses.**
- Note: If Q.3 does mean the request would breach the FOI cost limits then please ignore Q.3, which I will withdraw, and continue to supply me with a response to Q.1 and Q.2.**
Note: Please provide the information in the same format and on the same basis as that provided in a previous FOI response [Ref: FOI2019/11894]"

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found in the table below

Financial Year	Cost of taxi/chauffeur driven cars (ex VAT)	Number of taxi/chauffeur driven cars bookings
2019/2020	1,495,315.64	10,285

The single most expensive booking was for two taxis that were used for a six day period in November 2019. This booking started and finished at Heathrow Airport (London) and in the interim period various UK locations were visited. The total cost of this booking was £5,295 (ex VAT).

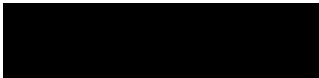
Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, you may find it helpful to note the following:

- a. all the bookings included in the totals provided were made under the Phoenix II contract;
- b. the value represents all hires that were invoiced within FY2019/20
- c. the values include any sundries also invoiced as part of the booking; e.g. collection, delivery, or fuel costs; and
- d. one booking does not constitute one journey, as multiple journeys may have happened during that booking.

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

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