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Dear Mr

Thank you for your email of 19 October 2020 responding to the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) previous response to you dated 9 July 2020, regarding your request for information about costs claimed by MOD personnel working from home.

You have requested the following information:

*"Thanks for your response. I am happy to reduce my scope to the suggested:*

*Please provide a record of all costs that have been incurred as a result of home working, which are held centrally (such as central purchase of laptops to issue to staff) incurred between 1 January 2020 and 5 May 2020. (Question 3 of my original request)"*

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 MOD and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

Between 1 January 2020 and 5 May 2020, no centrally held costs were incurred as a result of home working. This is because prior to 1 January 2020, the process of replacing UAD's with laptops had already been initiated and the costs incurred by this exercise are not associated with the need for more staff to work from home.

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](mailto: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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