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Dear 

Thank you for your email of date 02 June 2021 requesting the following information:

"I am requesting information regarding how much it costs per hour to run a Mk 2 Merlin that is loaded to full capacity."

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

The cost per hour to run a Merlin Mk2 loaded to full capacity is £15,871 (VAT inc). This is based upon a standard configuration of the aircraft.

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). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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