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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your E-mail of 18 August requesting the following information:

*“Could you please tell me how much has been spent on private photographers by your Department in each of the last 12 months?”.*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) does hold some information within the scope of your request.

The total MOD expenditure on private photographers in the last 12 months was £15,019.60. The breakdown for this is shown below.

Date	Army	UKHO	Total
September 2019	£66		£66.00
October 2019			-
November 2019			-
December 2019	£166.80		£166.80
January 2020			-
-February 2020		£450	£450
March 2020		£1,600	£1,600
April 2020			-
May 2020			-
June 2020	£12,570		£12,570
July 2020			-
August 2020	£166.80		£166.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,969.60</b>	<b>£2,050</b>	<b>£15,019.60</b>

Under Section 16 of the FOI act advice and assistance, you may wish to be aware that the MOD has in house capability to provide photography and only uses private photographers where that capability is not available. A search was undertaken by all MOD departments all have confirmed MOD employed photographers were used except for data provided in the table above.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

DDC Secretariat Parliamentary.