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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of 29 July requesting the following information:

- 1) the total estimated financial cost of the UK military commitment to Afghanistan from 2001 to 2021, broken down by year or financial year, whichever is more convenient.*
- 2) the total estimated financial cost of the UK military commitment to Iraq from 2001 to 2021, broken down by year or financial year, whichever is more convenient.*

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. This information can be found at Annex A. Some of the information falls within the scope of the qualified exemption provided for at section 22(1) (Information Intended for Future Publication) of the FOIA and has been withheld. This information is due to be published in the MOD's Annual Reports and Accounts in Autumn 2021, available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mod-annual-reports>.

Under section 22(1) of the FOIA, the MOD is not obliged to provide information that is intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption and subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. In this case, it has been concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information you have requested.

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.

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Yours sincerely,



Defence Resources Secretariat

## Annex A

Financial Year	Afghanistan (Op HERRICK)	Afghanistan (Op TORAL)	Iraq (Op TELIC)	Counter ISIL in Iraq & Syria (Op SHADER)*
2001-02	£ 221.389			
2002-03	£ 310.558		£ 848.222	
2003-04	£ 46.388		£ 1,310.838	
2004-05	£ 67.034		£ 909.930	
2005-06	£ 199.348		£ 957.598	
2006-07	£ 737.745		£ 956.162	
2007-08	£ 1,504.103		£ 1,457.483	
2008-09	£ 2,623.000		£ 1,381.000	
2009-10	£ 3,821.000		£ 343.000	
2010-11	£ 3,777.000			
2011-12	£ 3,458.000			
2012-13	£ 2,673.230			
2013-14	£ 1,876.870	£ 0.317		
2014-15	£ 949.354	£ 14.340		£ 21.900
2015-16	-£ 17.300	£ 90.150		£ 216.930
2016-17	-£ 19.150	£ 89.680		£ 432.230
2017-18	-£ 6.500	£ 79.580		£ 541.000
2018-19	£ 2.400	£ 89.400		£ 448.700
2019-20	£ 1.762	£ 107.000		£ 145.216
<b>Net Op Cost Totals</b>	<b>£ 22,226.231</b>	<b>£ 470.467</b>	<b>£ 8,164.233</b>	<b>£ 1,805.976</b>

\*Please note that Op SHADER covers the Counter Daesh mission in both Iraq and Syria and it is therefore impossible to break out purely Iraq-related expenditure.