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Dear xxxxx,

Thank you for your email of 4 January 2022, in which you requested the following information:

“How many black bear skins the Ministry of Defense[sic] has purchased each year for the last five years (including 2021) along with the cost of these bearskins?”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and is below.

Bearskins purchased by the MOD		
Calendar Year	Number purchased	Cost
2017	207	£240,382
2018	61	£76,206
2019	92	£127,440
2020	110	£145,000
2021	23	£39,330

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,
Army Secretariat