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## **Defence Business Services**

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Thank you for your email of 21 February 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

"Were there plans in 2009 for all staff working in Main Building to go through the Developed Vetting (DV) process?

In 2009, how much did it cost the MoD to DV a member of staff?

How much money has the abolishment of the DV allowance for E1 & E2 Grades saved the Ministry of Defence since April 2015?"

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOI (Help and Assistance) I can confirm that United Kingdom Security Vetting has been transferred to the Cabinet Office so any enquiries about the wider UKSV process should be addressed to them. You can make a Freedom of Information request by writing to them at the following address:

FOI Team, Cabinet Office 70 Whitehall London SW1A 2AS

Email:foiteam@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

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-

<u>IR@mod.gov.uk</u>). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly 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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <a href="https://ico.org.uk/">https://ico.org.uk/</a>.

Yours sincerely



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