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I am writing about your email of 11 November 2022, requesting the following information:

‘Can you tell me how much the MoD has spent on hire cars and taxis for staff in the current calendar and/or financial year and how that compared to the previous year.’

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search has been carried out of Ministry of Defence (MOD) records and it is confirmed that information is held that can be released. This is as follows:

Expenditure on hire cars for MOD personnel through the Phoenix II vehicle contract for the current calendar year up to 16 November 2022 is £16,678,347. Please note that this figure includes VAT but excludes fuel and other costs. Expenditure on taxis/chauffeur driven cars through the Phoenix II vehicle contract for the current calendar year up to 31 October 2022 is £967,327 excluding VAT.

This compares to £12,960,612 hire car expenditure for the previous year (calendar year up to 30 November 2021), and £582,953 for taxis/chauffeur driven cars (calendar year up to 31 October 2021).

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance), you will wish to note that there may be occasions when there has been expenditure outside of the Phoenix II contract which has not been included in the figures stated above. The figures provided here reflect invoices received within the period. It has not been possible to separate taxi costs from chauffeur driven costs, therefore the figure provided above includes both taxi and chauffeur services.

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.gov.uk). 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:

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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 <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

DE&S Secretariat