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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 April 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) spending in Scottish independent/private schools.

You requested the following information:

*"I wish to request the following under freedom of information laws and would accept any response to this email address -*

- 1) *How much has been spent in each of the last five years on the Continuity of Education Allowance to fund places at independent/private schools in Scotland, broken down by school?"*

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 all information in scope of your request is held and provided in the below table.

**MOD spending for CEA on Scottish independent/private schools, 2017 – 2022**

		Year				
		2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022
School	Ardvreck School	£51,471.00	£35,070.00	£41,783.00	£84,100.77	£128,016.00
	Belhaven Hill School	£0.00	£5,845.00	£17,907.00	£17,129.57	£35,966.40
	Dollar Academy	£76,465.56	£57,922.60	£54,790.94	£44,826.48	£47,082.00
	Fettes College	£427,688.73	£477,184.64	£544,125.20	£459,125.28	£510,610.02
	Glenalmond College	£119,659.03	£81,698.50	£78,523.80	£93,857.00	£70,623.00
	Gordonstoun School	£223,268.36	£159,034.60	£107,793.70	£130,567.80	£88,126.30
	Kilgraston School and Kilgraston Grange	£49,990.50	£66,139.20	£66,312.13	£62,624.00	£23,299.90
	Lomond School	£57,960.00	£44,442.00	£21,510.00	£43,622.65	£105,375.06
	Loretto School	£31,075.10	£22,221.00	£21,954.20	£22,578.78	£23,541.00
	Lathallan School	£0.00	£0.00	£35,630.28	£35,903.52	£24,979.89
	Merchiston Castle School	£77,784.00	£106,419.00	£129,148.80	£105,376.25	£88,911.00
	Strathallan School	£159,092.77	£145,717.30	£96,122.70	£116,809.66	£88,223.46


All of the schools included in the above table are independent schools.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

  
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