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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 11 December 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"Could you please provide the total cost per year for private school funding in the UK that the military has paid out. Years 2013- 2022 will do."

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 some of the information in scope of your request is held.

The data below was extracted from the Joint Personnel Administration System on 18 December 2023. The totals in each financial year include Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA), (CEA) Guardian, Day School Allowance North Wales and Special Educational Needs Addition.

Financial Year	Total cost of CEA
2013/14	£89.25M
2014/15	£84.51M
2015/16	£80.86M
2016/17	£103.45M
2017/18	£79.79M
2018/19	£80.22M
2019/20	£83.23M
2020/21	£79.58M
2021/22	£83.25M
2022/23	£84.59M

Please note; The £23M spike in FY1617 is due to a move of the CEA payment window

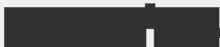
If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,



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