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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 September 2022 in which you requested the following information:

'Please provide the following information:

- What was the membership fee given to Stonewall as part of their Diversity Champions programme in 2021-22 by your organisation?
- Is your organisation currently a member of Stonewall's Diversity Champions programme?
- What additional monies have been given to Stonewall in 2021-22?

Specifically, this incorporates:

- o Events/conferences (where, for example, your organisation has purchased tickets to attend or entered raffles or auctions organised by Stonewall). Please name any events/conferences that your organisation attended and the date attended.
- o Other programmes (such as LGBT Leadership programme, LGBT Role Model programme, Ally and/or Trans Ally programmes, as well as Train the Trainer programmes).'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In response to part one of your request, the membership fee paid for the period 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022 was £2500.00.

In response to part two of your request, I can confirm that the Royal Navy (RN) is not currently a member of Stonewall's Diversity Champions programme. However, the RN values our work with Stonewall and is proud of our achievements as Diversity Champions and in the Workplace Equality Index. Our relationship with all external organisations continues to be reviewed.

In response to part three of your request, the information concerning additional monies paid to Stonewall for the time period 1 January 2021 to 26 September 2022 including details of the event and dates attended can be found in the table below:

Calendar Year	Event and Date	Amount (excluding VAT)
1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Leaders Workshop attended March 2021 x 2 spaces • Leadership Programme attended 24-26 November 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £850.00 • £1550.00
1 January 2022 – 26 September 2022	Cancellation fee for non-attendance at Stonewall Workplace Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,010.00

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Yours sincerely

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