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Via email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email, dated 6 October 2022, requesting the following information:

“spending statistics on nuclear weaponry for the United Kingdom for the years 2012-2022.”

And for your subsequent emails, confirming on 8 December that we should:

“include the cost of the trident submarine that is used to transport the nuclear weaponry and the potential cost if it were to be used.

It does not need to include the cost after the year 2022.

It does need to include the past 10 years so 2012-2022(if 2022 is not possible 2021).”

And on 20 December that we should:

“include the costs of the Trident II D5 missile and the cost associated with maintaining the current nuclear deterrent capability and/or costs associated with our future capability.”

“ignore my request regarding seeking the potential cost if nuclear weapons are used”

We have treated your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) for the yearly total of our spending on our current nuclear warheads, replacement nuclear warheads, Trident II D5 missiles, current Vanguard Class submarines and future Dreadnought Class submarines, covering the period 2012-2022. A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and we can confirm we hold information in scope of your request.

The information you have requested is below:

Financial Year	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
£Billion	2.029	2.343	2.608	2.763	3.055	3.341	3.494	3.859	4.075	4.646

Under section 16 of the Act, whereby public authorities should offer advice and assistance, so far as it is reasonable to do so, we must inform you that these are equipment plan costs only. Further, since 2012, there have been a number of restructures in the organisations within MOD responsible for costings associated with the components of the nuclear deterrent. This means we are unable to access detailed costing information back to 2012, and have therefore provided figures calculated from aggregated budgetary information.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Nuclear Organisation Secretariat