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Mr Williams
c/o request-18422-d696d8fc@whatdotheyknow.com

Your reference:

Our reference:
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Date:
12 November 2009

Dear Mr Williams,

TYNWALD DAY COSTS

1. Thank you for your e-mail dated 23 September 2009 asking about the costs incurred by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in supporting the Tynwald Day ceremonial events in 2007, 2008 and 2009 and whether any of the costs are passed on to the Isle of Man Government. Your correspondence has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Before answering your questions firstly let me apologise for the delay in responding to your request.
2. Ministry of Defence support to the Tynwald Day ceremonial events is classed as a Category 1 Programmed requirement and hence the costs are not reclaimed from the Isle of Man Government. Category 1 events are classed as:-

Any State/MOD engagement or function sponsored directly by the MOD. Examples that fall into this category are support to all State and reciprocal Foreign & Commonwealth Office State Ceremonial such as State Visits, State Opening of UK and Isle of Man Parliaments and Assemblies, annual British/ANZAC/Belgian Cenotaph Parades, Royal/Cabinet/Defence Council/Service Board/Arms and Directorate entertainment and any other MOD engagements as advertised in the Defence Services Secretariat's Calendar of Anniversaries and Commemorative Events, e.g. Armed Forces Day annually.
3. For the Tynwald Day Ceremony the Ministry annually provides a guard of honour and a military band on a rotational basis between the Services. The Royal Navy provided them in 2007, the RAF in 2008 and the Army in 2009. Details of the costs for 2009 cannot be separately identified at the moment. The costs incurred whilst on the Isle of Man are the responsibility of the Isle of Man Government and the MOD does not have sight of them. The extra costs¹ to the MOD associated with these duties are as follows:

¹ The Ministry is responsible for paying for the travel and subsistence costs of the personnel until they reach the Isle of Man, after which the Isle of Man Government is responsible.



2007	2008	2009
£4,000 ²	£9,000	£N/A

4. When schedules and weather permit a flypast is provided by one of the squadrons based at RAF Valley, the RAF's fast jet pilot training centre, on Anglesey as part of a training flight. There are no extra costs associated with providing this flypast.

5. 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 me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.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.

6. If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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² Please note that all costs have been rounded to the nearest thousand pounds.