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Via email: request-4681-41b339ae@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Pat

Release of Information

Further to my letter of 19 January 2009, I am now in a position to give you a substantive response to your enquiry.

We have interpreted your question as a request for the cost of historic aircraft and ships restored and maintained for display purposes. I can confirm that the Naval service is not responsible for historic ships and aircrafts. However, [the National Museum of the Royal Navy](#) operates as a non Public Departmental Body (NDPB) and receives a Grant in Aid from the Ministry of Defence to assist with associated running costs. Additionally the [Royal Navy Historic Flight](#) has a collection of historic naval aircraft that it maintains for flying displays.

Further information on NDPB's can be found at the following link:

<http://www.civilservice.gov.uk/about/public/bodies.asp>

We do not hold the costs of maintaining these displays but you may like to approach the museums direct.

If you are unhappy 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 Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail xxxxxxx@xxx.xx). 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.

If you remain unhappy 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 the case until the 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.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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The Constitution Unit, a research body at University College London, is carrying out an independent evaluative study of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in co-operation with a number of public authorities, including the Ministry of Defence. An important part of the evaluation process is gathering the experiences and opinions of FOI requesters like you. Any information you provide will only be seen by the Constitution Unit and will be handled in accordance with its privacy policy explained in the survey. The Ministry of Defence will only see the published results: no individual responses will be visible to us and your participation will have no effect on your future dealings with the Ministry.

If you would like to take part in this study, please visit the following link to be taken directly to the survey: <http://tinyurl.com/6prff8>. Or, if you prefer, contact Ben Worthy at x.xxxxxx@xxx.xx.xx or on 020 7679 4974 to ask more about the study.

If you have filled this survey out before, we invite you to fill it out again in light of the recent response to your request.