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Dear Mr Kingdon

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

Your correspondence dated 29 June 2016 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

How much is your yearly budget and how many official staff involved

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<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/learning/library/publications/corporate>.

For 2014/15 Accounts, please see page 45 for a breakdown of revenue and cost and page 57 for average staff numbers for the financial year.

Met Office Annual Accounts for 2015/16 will be available in the next couple of months. Budgeted operating cost for 2015/16 was £217.7m. This excludes capital expenditure and other items such as interest and dividends, and is funded by a revenue budget. Staff headcount (full time equivalents, employed directly by the Met Office) was 2075 at 31 March 2016.

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I hope this answers your enquiry.

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Yours sincerely,
FOI Team