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Dear Mr Sutcliffe,

Thank you for your email dated 1 March 2018 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in which you requested the following information:

- a. The amount allocated (i.e. forecasted budget), by Service (Army, RN, RAF), for RRP(EOD) in the financial years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.
- b. The actual spend, by Service (Army, RN, RAF), of RRP(EOD) in the financial years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). Following a search of our records, I can confirm the MOD holds information within the scope of your request which is provided below.

The MOD does not hold budgetary forecasts for RRP (EOD) and so cannot answer part 'a' of your request; the Department collates actual spend on RRP (EOD) from the previous financial year. The reason for this is because the final figure (spend) is dependent on the number of personnel who have the appropriate competence level to be eligible for RRP (EOD) payments.

Information to answer part 'b' of your request is provided in the table below:

RRP(EOD) Spend		RN *	ARMY	RAF
FY 14/15	RRP PAYMENTS	£1,464.63	£2,608,749.78	£280,276.62
FY 15/16	RRP PAYMENTS	£0.00	£2,612,811.17	£208,054.38
FY 16/17	RRP PAYMENTS	£0.00	£2,670,359.01	£174,793.85

* Most RN EOD activity is undertaken by Naval Clearance Divers who receive enhanced levels of pay and are not eligible for RRP(EOD).

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)
Defence People Secretariat