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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 February 2015 in which you asked the following:

"a) The amount the MOD has spent on Modafinil stocks since 2005, b) the dates and names of studies the MOD undertook or was involved with regarding Modafinil, and c) the number of prescriptions for Modafinil logged in DMICP since 2007."

This has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The MOD can confirm that it holds information within the scope of your enquiry and it will answer your points in turn.

From 2005 to January 2015 the MOD spent a total of £78,760 on Modafinil (Provigil). This is the total amount spent on Modafinil stocks in that time period. It is not possible to separately identify the expenditure on what was then actually prescribed.

The search of our records revealed no dates or names of studies undertaken by the MOD or that it was involved in regarding Modafinil. However, the MOD is aware of the following papers produced by the NATO Research and Technology Organisation about Modafinil, which are available to view on the internet:

1. Efficacy of Modafinil and Caffeine to Counteract Hypnotic Induced Sleepiness during Sustained Operations.

<http://ftp.rta.nato.int/public/PubFullText/RTO/MP/RTO-MP-HFM-124/MP-HFM-124-32.pdf>

2. Dextroamphetamine and Modafinil are Effective Countermeasures for Fatigue in the Operational Environment.

<http://ftp.rta.nato.int/public/pubfulltext/rto/mp/rto-mp-hfm-124/mp-hfm-124-31.pdf>

3. Papers on 'Operational Fatigue' presented at the RTO Human Factors and Medicine Panel Workshop held in Paris, France, 7-9 February 2007.

<http://www.cso.nato.int/pubs/rdp.asp?RDP=RTO-MP-HFM-151>

Between 1 January 2007 and 25 February 2015, there were a total of 533 prescriptions for Modafinil recorded on the Defence Medical Information Capability Programme (DMICP). This is a count of prescriptions issued to all patients with a record in DMICP, including but not limited to,

Armed Forces personnel and entitled civilians. Please note that this is a count of prescriptions and not of patients; some patients may have received multiple prescriptions between 1 January 2007 and 25 February 2015.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd 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.

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,

Head Quarters Surgeon General