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Mr Andrew Davies – QoN Response No. 1

I can't find a consolidated cost of all Pentagon budget materials but, as an example, the 200+ page overarching 2016 procurement program brief provided to Congress contains the following statement:

“Preparation of the P-1 cost the Department of Defense a total of approximately \$38,000 in FY 2015”.¹

Since there are approximately 100 such documents (over four services and the Pentagon itself), the total cost is likely of order US\$4 million, or approximately 0.001% of the US\$560 billion defense budget.

While the cost might seem low, any well run organisation has all of the relevant data on hand as part of normal accounting and project management practice, and consolidating into reports should not be onerous.

¹ http://comptroller.defense.gov/Portals/45/documents/defbudget/fy2016/fy2016_p1.pdf