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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 July requesting information on the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). Your email has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

*"Please could you tell me how much has been paid out under the AFCS between 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 in the form of lump sum awards to Service personnel that have suffered mental disorders as a result of their Service who had also previously deployed to Afghanistan. I would like to know how many of these awards have been paid out as well as the amount."*

I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held, however, it is not possible to attribute AFCS claims/awards to a specific deployment. Therefore some of the individuals included in the figures provided may have claimed compensation for a mental disorder that has not been attributable to their deployment.

Interrogation of the AFCS computer system revealed 300 Service personnel who had previously deployed on Operations in Afghanistan were awarded a lump sum payment during the financial year 2014/15 under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) for a mental disorder. The total amount of compensation paid out in lump sum awards was £2,362,600.

Awarded conditions are recorded on the AFCS data in a free-text field containing the tariff of injury table condition groupings. To identify claims awarded for mental disorders, we searched the 'tariff description' field for 'mental'. Please note that due to the free text nature of this data it is possible that some records with reference to mental health have not been identified, and therefore the figures supplied should be used as an estimate only.

In line with Defence Statistics' Rounding Policy all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest five and financial information has been rounded to the nearest £100.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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,

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