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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 11 May 2015 requesting the following information:

"Please provide all the information that you hold regarding the cost of the change in policy which means that from 1 April 2015 all pensions awarded to armed forces spouses and civil partners under AFPS 75, or the WPS, will be for life. Full details are set out at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/armed-forces-pensions-for-life>."

This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) does hold information within scope of your request. Please refer to the attached documents: "Pensions for life paper" and a copy of an email of 30 June 2014 "Widows Pensions for life".

Please note that in accordance with the provisions of Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act, the names of personnel below the Senior Civil Service have been removed from the attached email, as this constitutes personal information which is exempt from publication under FOI.

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, 1st 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat