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Correspondence dated: 2 October 2014

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Date: 13 November 2014

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 2 October requesting the following information:

I'm interested in the following:

- 1. No. of service leavers receiving the war pension, by age.*
- 2. No. of service leavers on the armed forces compensation scheme, by age.*
- 3. Current unemployment rates amongst ex-forces population.*
- 4. Forecast of the number of veterans who will leave the forces over the next 5-10 years, and of these, the proportion forecast to have medical conditions.*
- 5. The number of ex-servicemen and women receiving war pension or compensation will be indicative of the number who have disabilities or injuries...If possible, could I also have a break down of the number of ex-servicemen and women who apply for these schemes each year?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held.

Question 1: I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence hold this information. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/war-pension-recipients-index>. Specifically Table 1.6 in the report presents the number of disablement pensioners in receipt of a War Pension as at 31 March 2014, by age group (to answer Question 1 above).

Question 2: **Table 1** below presents the number of Service leavers awarded a lump sum payment under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS), by age group as at 31 March 2014 (the latest data available).

Table 1: AFCS lump sum recipients that have left Service¹ by age group, as at 31 March 2014, Numbers²

Age Group	AFCS Recipients that have left Service
All	11,455
Under 20	15
20-24	810
25-29	3,500
30-34	3,190
35-39	1,635
40-44	1,215
45-49	735
50-54	240
55-59	90
Over 60	35

Sources: Compensation and Pension System; Joint Personnel Administration System

¹ as at 30 September 2014

² In line with Defence Statistics' Rounding Policy, all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest five. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Question 3: You requested information on the current unemployment rates amongst the ex-forces population. Following a search of our recorded information, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the MOD. Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and assistance) you may find it useful to note that the MOD has a contractual arrangement with the Career Transition Partnership (CTP) which provide employment support for eligible personnel up to two years before and two years after leaving the Armed Forces. Defence Statistics (Health) publish quarterly reports on employment outcomes since 2009/10, including unemployment rates six months after leaving the Armed Forces, for the eligible cohort that received CTP support. These publications can be found on the Gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/career-transition-partnership-ex-service-personnel-employment-outcomes-statistics-index>.

Question 4: You requested information on the number of veterans who will leave the forces over the next 5-10 years, and of these, the proportion forecast to have medical conditions. **Tables 2-4** below present Defence Statistics' forecast outflows from the Naval Service, Army and RAF respectively. Information on forecast outflows as a result of a medical condition is not held by the MOD. Defence Statistics (Health) publish annual statistics on personnel medically discharged from Service which may assist. This publication can be found on the Gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/medical-discharges-among-uk-service-personnel-statistics-index>

Table 2: Forecast Naval Service Outflows^{1,2,3,4}, 2014/15 - 2023/24, Numbers⁵

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
3,100	2,900	2,700	2,600	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,500	2,500

Source: Defence Statistics

¹ The information above is from the 2014/15 Quarter 1 forecast and is based on strength data as at 1st April 2014.

² The total outflow includes all exits from the Naval Service including transferring to a different service.

³ The first year of the forecast includes redundancies.

⁴ Exit rates are based on historical trend data and are reviewed on an annual basis.

⁵ Forecast figures have been rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 3: Forecast Army Outflows^{1,2,3,4,5}, 2014/15 - 2023/24, Numbers⁶

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
11,200	9,300	8,700	8,300	8,000	8,200	8,600	8,400	8,300	8,300

Source: Defence Statistics

¹ The information above is from the 2014/15 Quarter 2 forecast and is based on strength data as at 1st April 2014 for Trained Regular Officers, Other Ranks and Trained Gurkha Officers and Other Ranks

² The total outflow includes all exits from the Army including transferring to a different service.

³ The first and second years of the forecast include planned redundancies.

⁴ The forecast includes changes being brought in under the New Engagement Model but does not include the new extension options as these were under review when this forecast was completed.

⁵ Exit rates that under-pin the assumptions on forecast outflow are based on historical trend data and are reviewed on an annual basis.

⁶ Forecast figures have been rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 4: Forecast RAF Outflows^{1,2,3,4,5,6}, 2014/15 - 2023/24, Numbers⁷

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
3,300	2,400	2,100	2,300	2,100	2,000	1,800	1,800	2,000	2,100

Source: Defence Statistics

¹ The information above is from the 2014/15 Quarter 1 forecast and is based on strength data as at 1st April 2014.

² The total outflow includes all exits from the RAF including transferring to a different service.

³ The first year of the forecast includes redundancies.

⁵ The forecast includes changes being brought in under the New Engagement Model but does not include the new extension options as these were under review when this forecast was completed.

⁶ Exit rates are based on historical trend data and are reviewed on an annual basis.

⁷ Forecast figures have been rounded to the nearest 100.

Question 5: You asked for the number of ex-Servicemen and women that have applied for compensation under the WPS and AFCS. **Table 5** below presents the number of ex-service personnel that have registered a claim under the WPS during each of the last five financial years

Table 5: Individuals claiming under the WPS during 2009/10 – 2013/14 by financial year, Numbers¹

2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
12,305	11,065	10,815	11,105	11,160

Source: War Pension Computer System

¹ In line with Defence Statistics' Rounding Policy, all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest five. Totals may not add due to rounding.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds information on the number of ex-Service personnel that have registered a claim under the AFCS in each financial year since the scheme began. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-index>.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and assistance) you may find it useful to note the following:

The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for injury, illness or death caused by Service that occurred on or after that date. It replaced the previous compensation arrangements provided by the War Pensions Scheme (WPS) and the attributable elements of the Armed Forces Pensions Scheme. Figures presented on service leavers in awarded under the AFCS by age group (Table 1) may not previously published data since this response excludes AFCS recipients still in Service as at 30th September 2014.

The War Pensions Scheme (WPS) provides no-fault compensation for all ex-Service personnel where illness, injury or death is caused by Service from the start of the First World War in 1914 up until 5 April 2005. Figures on the number of individuals that have registered a claim under the WPS (Table 5) may not match previously published data as the normal methodology is to present the number of claims registered (individuals are entitled to register more than one claim).

The purpose of the single Service forecasts are to set 'Into Training' targets (Naval Service and RAF) and to set 'Gains to Trained Strength' targets (Army), and to inform actions impacting on all military personnel. As a result, once action has been taken, the forecast is out of date as it will not include the impact of this action, though most actions are unlikely to have a large impact on total outflow figures.

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering Armed Forces veterans and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing: DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk

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.gov.uk>.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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