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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 1 August, to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I wish to apply for information under the FOI Act; I have not found this information in MOD releases or publications.

I would like to know if any male members of the Armed Forces (regular, not reserves) have taken additional paternity leave under the Armed Forces Additional Paternity Leave Scheme, since it was introduced in April 2011, under Defence Instruction Notice 2011 01_098.

I would ideally be interested in whether that individual was Army, Navy or RAF and of they were a commissioned officer or not. However, I will appreciate there may be limits to disclosure due to personnel privacy".

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held in the following table:

Assignment Category*	Officers	Other ranks	Total
ARMY	~	8	10
RAF	~	8	11
RN	~	~	7
Total	9	19	28 ¹

*In line with departmental policy - Represents 5 or fewer

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

¹ The figures provided include additional paternity leave for birth adoption including any deferred leave but excludes normal paternity leave for birth and adoption

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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A/Head of Secretariat