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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 7 April 2016, to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"In view of our on going work on behalf of the welfare of the Ex-RAF LEPs who are living in Malta and are having part of their Maltese National Contributory Pension being deducted by the Malta Government, we will be very grateful if you can give us the total amount of Pension MoD paid to these pensioners during the last five years.

We are only interested in the pension total amounts paid to ex-British Services Pensioners in Mlata."

On 5 May 2016, you provided the following clarification:

"We are interested to know the total yearly amounts of EX-British Services Pension which have been paid to ex- LEPs, living in Malta even those who had to continue their service in the RAF Proper to reach their pensionable service after 1979."

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 and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The table below shows the total amount paid to LEP's living in Malta, including those who had to continue in the RAF proper to reach their pensionable Service after 1979.

Year	Total amount paid in Euros*
2011	€4,755,750
2012	€4,630,192
2013	€4,414,194
2014	€4,138,152
2015	€3,749,124

*In line with Defence Statistics rounding policy, all figures have been rounded to the nearest whole Euro.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to note that the Malta pension scheme is made up of three separate schemes, Malta Pension Scheme (MPS), Pre July 73 scheme (PR73) and Post July 73 scheme (PS73). The PR73 scheme is linked to the UK Pension Increase Act, while MPS and PR73 receive increases awarded by the Malta Government. All three schemes receive Pension Increases at different times of the year.

The figures provided to you in our response of 8 October 2015, reference FOI2015/08069, only detailed members in the PR73 scheme as it was interpreted that 'British Service Pensions' would fall under the above noted legislation. The figures provided in this response cover all three schemes and this is the reason for the disparity.

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, 2nd 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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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A/Head of DBS Secretariat