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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 15th April 2015 where you requested the following information:

- 1. In a Parliamentary Written Answer [Ref: 183597: 3 Feb 2014: Column 87W] you disclosed the number of civilian staff working in the Finance Job Family (FJF) as at the 30 September in each year from 2010. Could you provide me with a similar figure for 30 September 2014. What is the mean salary of the highest paid 10percent of these employees and what is the total salary bill of all the employees in the FJF?*
- 2. As part of a previous Fol response to me [Your Ref: D/CLS/14/05/04] which I have attached you provided me with various details relating to staffing numbers and salaries of people employed in the various legal teams within the MoD. Could you provide me with similar updated figures?*

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). I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In answer to the questions asked at serial one:

- As at 30 September 2014 there were 2,435 staff working in the Finance Job Family (FJF).
- The mean salary of the highest paid 10 percent of these employees is £54,435.
- The total salary bill of all the employees in the FJF is £70.77m. (This is the sum of the Gross Basic Annual Salary of all those in the FJF as at 30 April 2015, of which there are 2,390 active employees).

In answer to the questions asked at serial two:

As at 1 April 2015 the staff numbers of the various teams within Central Legal Services (CLS) at the MoD were as follows:

- The Operational and International Humanitarian Law Division – 4 civilian lawyers. Additionally, there is 1 civilian lawyer based at PJHQ who works with the OIHL team.
- The General Law Division – 6 civilian lawyers and 1 military lawyer.
- The Corporate Strategy Law Division – 10 civilian and 1 military lawyer
- The Command, Discipline and Constitutional Division – 4 civilian and 1 military lawyer.
- The Commercial Law Division – 27 civilian lawyers.
- The DIO Property Team – 10 civilian lawyers.
- The Intellectual Property Rights Team – 16 Patent Attorneys.
- The two small teams in Germany and Cyprus have 7 civilian lawyers.

The Service legal branches have their own heads, as does the Service Prosecuting Authority. The Director of Central Legal services is Miss Frances Nash, who heads the civilian lawyers within MoD. Her salary in the Senior Civil Service Pay Band 2 is within the range of £95,000 to £99,999 per annum.

- The Royal Navy has 17 legal posts which are staffed by military lawyers at an estimated annual cost of £1.56 million. Additionally, they have 6 other posts which involve some legal work.
- The Army has 122 military lawyers at an estimated annual cost of £12 million.
- The RAF's legal branch has 42 military lawyers at an estimated annual cost of £2.77 million.
- The Service Prosecuting Authority has 26 Army lawyers, 4 from the RAF and 5 from the Royal Navy, at an estimated annual cost of £3.3 million.

All teams are supplemented by a small number of support staff.

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Yours sincerely,

