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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 October, to the Ministry of Defence, requesting the following information:

"Please provide details of all requests for ExSUL from 1 Apr 14 until 19 Oct 15 from MOD civil servants wishing to accompany their spouses on an overseas tour, broken down by TLB, pay grade of applicant and whether approved or rejected."

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 information you have requested can be found in the table enclosed at Annex A. However, in order to protect personal information governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40(2) of the FOI Act has been applied to all of the information by supplementing numbers less than 5 with a tilda (~). Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Finally, it may be helpful if I explain that the information provided details all ExSUL requests for both UK and overseas postings. This is because the information held for ExSUL requests with regards to civil servants accompanying their spouses on a tour, does not distinguish whether the posting is in the UK or overseas.

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,

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Head of Secretariat

TLB	Grade	Number Approved	Number Refused
Air Command	E2	~	~
	E1	10	0
	D	~	0
	Skill Zone 1	~	0
	Skill Zone 2	~	0
Commander in Chief Fleet	E2	0	~
	E1	~	~
	C2	~	0
DE&S	E1	~	0
	D	~	~
	C2	10	0
	C1	~	~
	B2	~	0
DIO	E1	~	0
	D	~	0
	C2	~	0
Head Office Corporate Services	E1	0	~
	D	~	0
	C1	~	0
	B1	~	0
	Police Constable	~	0
Joint Forces Command	E1	~	0
	D	~	0
	C2	~	0
	B1	~	0
	NHS 401	~	0
	NHS 606	~	0
	NHS 613	~	0
	Skill Zone 1	~	0
	Skill Zone 3	~	0
Land Forces	E1	~	0
	D	~	0
	C2	~	0
	C1	~	0
	Skill Zone 2	~	0

* In line with departmental policy ~ Represents 5 or fewer.

* In line with Defence Statistics rounding policy, all figures have been rounded to the nearest 5.

