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Dear

Thank you for your email of 8 July 2015 requesting the following information:

“I would like to know the amounts paid out in the form of lump sum awards under the AFCS to those awarded following a claim for a fractured tibia in the last five financial years. Please note that this does not include any amounts paid out in the form of a Guaranteed Income Payment (GIP), as to provide this information will result in the response exceeding the appropriate cost limit.”

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.

Table 1 shows the total compensation awarded under the tariff of injury table ‘fractures and dislocations’ where the claimed condition referred to a ‘fractured tibia’ under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) for the latest five financial years (1 April 2010 to 31 March 2015).

Table 1: Compensation awarded for fractured tibias, by financial year, 2010/11 to 2014/15, £

	Financial Year					
	Total	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Total lump sum amounts paid	£3,918,560	£652,560	£1,101,900	£635,300	£946,200	£582,600

Source: Compensation and Pensions System (CAPS) and Veterans UK finance data

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the following:

The AFCS came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for injury, illness or death attributable to 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 and Reserve Forces Pensions Scheme.

A biannual Official Statistic provides summary statistics on claims and awards made under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, paying compensation for injury, illness or death caused by Service. This is published on the Gov.UK website:

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

The latest version of the report was released on 4 June 2015.

Awarded injuries/illnesses under the AFCS are assigned to a tariff of injury table condition grouping, as presented in Table 4.3 of the AFCS official statistic publication. Further details on the tariff of injury tables are available at: <http://www.infolaw.co.uk/mod/docs/AFCS-2010-08-03.pdf>.

Awarded conditions are recorded on the AFCS data in a free-text field containing the tariff of injury table condition groupings. To identify claims awarded for a fractured tibia, we used the tariff description field to search for 'fractures and dislocations', then used the claimed field to search for 'fracture' and 'tibia'. Please note that due to the free text nature of this data it is possible that some records with reference to fractured tibias may not have been identified, and therefore the figures supplied are a minimum.

Under the AFCS, compensation payments include a tariff-based tax free lump sum for pain and suffering associated with the injury or illness, the size of which reflects the severity of the injury or illness. There are 15 tariff levels with associated lump sums. For more serious injuries, in addition to the lump sum, a tax-free index-linked income stream known as the Guaranteed Income Payment (GIP) is paid from service termination for life to recognise loss of future earnings due to the injury or illness. Under the AFCS, a claim can be made and awarded while still in Service.

Figures provided are sourced from data stored on the Compensation and Pensions System (CAPS) and finance data managed by Veterans UK.

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 Compensation statistics 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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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