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Ref: FOI2016/05673



24 June 2016

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email dated 29 May 2016, to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

On page 2, 4th line from the top, we assume that while MPS and PR73 was meant to read while MPS and PS73.

Also if at all possible, we will be very much grateful if you can meet our last and final request and tell us what was the number of total pensioners every year between 2011 and 2015 who received the totals quoted in your email of the 26th of May 2016. If this involves a lot of work, if you give us the total of pensioners for 2015 only will still help us in presenting our case on behalf of our RAF Family in Malta.

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.

Regarding our previous response, ref FOI2016/04930, I can confirm that your assumption is correct. The information provided under Section 16 should have read The PR73 scheme is linked to the UK Pension Increase Act, while MPS and PS73 receive increases awarded by the Malta Government. I apologise for this oversight.

The table below shows the total number of member's held on the Malta database per year.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Total Members*. Rows: 2011 (1,185), 2012 (1,165), 2013 (1,060), 2014 (995), 2015 (930).

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

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Yours sincerely,



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