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Thank you for your email of 23 November 2015 requesting the following information:

"1) The War Pension Scheme supports service-connected disabilities claims prior to 6 April 2005. The documents on this website date only back to 2010 (within this document is also information dating back to 2006). I was hoping to find the edition released in 1992 specifically. Was this program in place during this time? Is this document available to access?"

2) Also, within the most current edition of AFCS Statistics, I see data which break down GIP awards to claimants differentiated by gender. However, I do not see similar data regarding Lump Sum awards. Have I overlooked this?"

3) Lastly, I am curious to know how the Ministry of Defense determines whether to award the claimant with a Lump Sum, or with a Lump Sum + GIP. Is this an option for the claimant to choose? Or is this decided by the Ministry of Defense?"

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 some information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below.

The information requested in part one of your request is not held by the Ministry of Defence (MoD). The latest version of the War Pensions Scheme report held by the MoD was released in March 2001. The Department for Work and Pensions were responsible for reporting on the War Pensions Scheme prior to the MOD and may hold the information you are seeking. A copy of the War Pension Scheme Annual Statistic is sent to the Agency for the Legal Deposit Libraries every year so they may also hold the information you are seeking.

Of the **33,400** personnel awarded a lump sum payment under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme as at 30 September 2015, **2,630** are female and **30,775** are male.

Under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, compensation is paid in the form of a lump sum for all significant qualifying injuries and illness caused mainly by Service. The value of the lump sum is determined by a tariff which has 15 levels. Level 1 gives the highest payment with level 15 covering the least severe injuries for which compensation is paid. For the more serious illnesses and injuries – those in levels 1 to 11 of the tariff where a loss of earnings capacity may be expected – a Guaranteed Income Payment (GIP) will also be awarded. Awards under AFCS are either a lump sum only (for the less seriously injured) or a lump sum and a Guaranteed Income Payment (for the more seriously injured). This is not an option for the claimant to choose. It is an

MOD lay decision maker (with medical advice available if necessary) who considers the medical evidence to determine the severity of the injuries and choose the most appropriate level of award.

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

War Pensions Scheme

The War Pensions Scheme (WPS) provides no-fault compensation for all ex-service personnel where illness, injury or death is caused by Service from the start of the First World War in 1914 up until 5 April 2005.

An annual Official Statistic provides summary statistics on claims, awards and recipients of pensions, allowances or other payments under the War Pension Scheme where disablement or death occurred as a result of Service prior to 6 April 2005. This is published on the Gov.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/war-pension-recipients-index>. The latest update was provided on 4 June 2015.

Armed Forces Compensation Scheme

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 3 December 2015.

Figures provided are sourced from data stored on the Compensation and Pensions System (CAPS).

Further information on the AFCS claim process can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/armed-forces-compensation/armed-forces-compensation-what-you-need-to-know>

In line with Defence Statistics' Rounding Policy for AFCS data, all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest 5 and figures fewer than five have been suppressed. Due to rounding, the figures provided may not sum to totals.

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 War Pensions Scheme 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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