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Dear

Thank you for your email of 26 February 2015 requesting the following information:

"1) How many Afghan citizens were employed as interpreters for British forces in Afghanistan between 2001 and 2014? Please include both Afghans who interpreted for British forces and any Afghans contracted by Britain to interpret for coalition/allied forces.

"2) How many of the above were serving for British forces on 19 December 2012?"

"3) How much were individual Afghan interpreters paid? Please give a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly salary.

"4) How many Afghan citizens worked served as Locally Employed Civilians (LECs) between 2001 and 2014. Please include Afghans who were employed in any capacity by British forces?"

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.

A total of 2904 Afghan citizens were employed as interpreters for British forces in Afghanistan between 2001 and 2014.

633 Afghan interpreters were working for British forces on 19 December 2012.

On average, the Ministry of Defence paid Afghan interpreters paid \$901 (USD) each per month.

A total of 3857 Afghan citizens worked as Locally Employed Civilians (LECs) between 2001 and 2014.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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