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E-mail: [REDACTED]

15th January 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 17 December 2015, refining your request for the following information:

"I request Table 1 below be completed with respect to information about the Navy, Army and RAF Accelerated Incremental Pay (AIP) overpayments/recoveries that were a result of the review that commenced in 2012 and continues in some cases to be ongoing.

If the Army and Navy are not affected by the AIP issue then please accept this as a withdrawal of the request for stats concerning them.

The completion of the table with respect to the Royal Air Force remains extant. Please would you continue with the request with respect to all Royal Air Force boxes within the table and disregard the Army and Navy boxes?

Please would you accept this email as a revised request to provide the information as stated in Annex A to FOI2015/11123"

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 of the information in scope of your refined request is held.

The information you have requested can be found in the table enclosed at Annex A. However, some of the information held falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data). Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. This is also in line with Defence Statistics rounding policy. As Section 40 is an absolute exemption there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

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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Acting Head of Secretariat

All Trades and Trade Group 4

Question	RAF			
	All Trades ¹		Trade Group 4	
	Serving	Discharged	Serving	Discharged
Total number of personnel who are subject to AIP recovery action	1,320	245	305	35
Total number of personnel that have submitted a Service complaint iaw JSP 831	10	0	~	0
Total number of personnel that were successful (to date) with their Service complaint	NA ²	0	NA ²	0
Total number of personnel that have instructed a solicitor to undertake legal proceedings ³	0	0	0	0
Total number of personnel whose legal proceedings have been successful (to date) ³	0	0	0	0

¹ Please note "All Trades" figures include "Trade Group 4" figures.
² As the Service Complaints are currently at Level 1 of the complaints process, no decisions have yet been made and remain ongoing.
³ To date the Ministry of Defence is not aware of any personnel undertaking legal proceedings. 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.

All Trades

Question	RAF	
	All Trades ¹	
	Serving	Discharged
Total Number of personnel who have submitted an Objection Against Recovery (OAR) iaw JSP 754	250	30

Total Number of personnel who have submitted an Objection Against Recovery (OAR) appeal iaw JSP 754	20	0
Total number of personnel that were successful (to date) in their OAR	0	0
Total number of personnel who submitted a case to DBS PACCC Group iaw JSP 752	70	0
Total number of personnel who submitted an appeal to DBS PACCC Group iaw JSP 752	10	0
Total number of personnel that were successful (to date) in their case with DBS PACCC Group	35	0

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