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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 24 November in which you requested the following information:

1. Please provide a complete list of all policy proposals to which the Family Test has been applied by your department.
2. In how many of the cases in 1 did the Family Test identify a potential negative impact on the family?
3. In how many of the cases in 2 did the Family Test result in a change in policy proposal?
4. Please provide copies of all Family Test assessments made by your department.

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can confirm that the MOD does not hold information within the scope of your request.

The Family Test is an integral part of the policy making process and is applied in a proportionate way in the development of all new policy, in line with the guidance published by the Department for Work and Pensions. While the MOD has implemented a range of initiatives in line with the principles of the Family Test guidance, no formal assessments are held. The Family Test guidance states that departments should consider publishing assessments carried out under the Test, but there is no requirement to do so.

I hope that this response will be helpful to you.

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,


Defence People Secretariat