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Thank you for your email of 11 January 2016 requesting the following information:

*"As advised in your response to my initial request, I would like to access to summary figures on the number of awards made under the AFCS between 6 April 2005 and 30 September 2015 under the following cause categories, as quoted from your response:*

- *Sporting injury - this category is used where the injury is sustained whilst participating in a sporting activity that is over and above normal mandatory physical training e.g. representing the unit at football.*
- *Travel to an emergency - this is used where the claim is for an injury sustained whilst travelling to or from an emergency e.g. a fireman responding a call to attend a fire or travelling home again from that call.*
- *Act of terrorism - where the injury is sustained from an act of terrorism or other warlike activity directed at the individual as a member of the forces e.g. bombing of a pub where service personnel are socialising.*
- *Other - used for the majority of claims e.g. injuries sustaining during operational tours, injuries sustained whilst carrying out job role, mandatory physical training, injuries during phase 1 or 2 training.*

*I would like these summary figures to be provided by Service and assignment type (regular/reservist status)."*

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 information in scope of your request is held. Some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

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, in which numbers fewer than five are suppressed in order to reduce the possible inadvertent disclosure of individual identities. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

There have been **28,140** Service Personnel awarded compensation for **33,400 claims** under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme as at 30 September 2015 (the latest data available). **Table 1** shows the cause of injury/illness, by Service for awarded claims. Please note that multiple

causes may be claimed for under each claim, therefore the number of causes presented in Tables 1 and 2 are higher than the number of claims.

**Table 1: Cause of injury/illness<sup>1,2,3</sup>, by Service, as at 30 September 2015, numbers<sup>4</sup>**

Service	All	Cause of Injury/Illness				
		Act of Terrorism	Sporting Injury	Travel to an Emergency	Other	Unknown
<b>All</b>	<b>33,755</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>5,945</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>23,230</b>	<b>3,100</b>
Naval Service <sup>5</sup>	4,870	170	885	10	3,370	440
Army	24,895	1,205	4,025	50	17,315	2,305
Royal Air Force	3,985	35	1,040	5	2,545	360

Source: Compensation and Pensions System (CAPS)

1. Figures for lump sum awards include initial injury/illness claims.
2. Multiple causes may be claimed for under each claim.
3. Awarded claims are based on the initial outcome of the claim.
4. The sum of the sub-totals may not equal the totals due to rounding.
5. Includes Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

**Table 2** shows the cause of injury/illness of awarded claims by assignment type.

**Table 2: Cause of injury/illness<sup>1,2,3</sup>, and assignment type, as at 30 September 2015, numbers<sup>4</sup>**

Assignment Type <sup>5</sup>	All	Cause of Injury/Illness				
		Act of Terrorism	Sporting Injury	Travel to an Emergency	Other	Unknown
<b>All</b>	<b>33,755</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>5,945</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>23,230</b>	<b>3,100</b>
Regular	32,285	1,350	5,755	55	22,165	2,960
Reserve <sup>6</sup>	1,220	60	150	10	885	115
Other <sup>7</sup>	135	~	20	0	95	15
Unknown <sup>8</sup>	115	~	15	~	85	10

Source: CAPS and Joint Personnel Administration System (JPA)

1. Figures for lump sum awards include initial injury/illness claims.
2. Multiple causes may be claimed for under each claim.
3. Awarded claims are based on the initial outcome of the claim.
4. The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding.
5. Assignment type as at date of claim for personnel that claimed whilst in Service and as at exit date for post-Service personnel. See Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) for full details.
6. Please see Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) for information on who is included in the reserves category.
7. Other includes Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS).
8. It was not possible to determine individuals' assignment type.

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

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.

The following types of reserves are included in Table 2:

- Called Out Reservist
- Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS)
- High Readiness Reserve
- Non Regular Permanent Service (NRPS)

- Sponsored Reserve
- Volunteer Reserve

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

Injuries and illnesses are awarded under the AFCS if it is decided they are caused by Service, rather than being attributed to a particular incident. However, some information on the activities that led to the injury/illness is recorded on CAPS (in the cause field) to reflect the scheme rules used in decision making during the claim process.

CAPS data have been linked to data extracted from the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) System in order to determine individuals' assignment type. Data for individuals that claimed whilst still serving were matched to JPA to determine their assignment as at the date of their claim. Please note that there is a seven year time limit to claim and therefore there is a risk that some individuals may have changed assignment type between their injury/onset of illness and their claim. Data for individuals that claimed after leaving the Forces were matched to JPA to determine their assignment type as at their Service exit date.

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 consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing: [DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk](mailto:DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk).

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Yours sincerely,

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