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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2015 requesting the following information:

- a) What was the total compensation paid out to injured service personnel under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) for each of the financial years 2013/2014 and 2014/15?
- b) What was the number of lump sum payments awarded under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) by tariff level in each of these two financial years?
- c) What was the number of lump sum payments where a guaranteed income payment (GIP) was awarded as 100% in each of these two financial years?
- d) What was the number of lump sum payments where a GIP was awarded at 75%, 50%, 30% nil, showing the most severe conditions that have been awarded at 100% of the tariff for these two financial years?"

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) 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.

The following total compensation was paid out to injured service personnel under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) including guaranteed income payments (GIPs) and lump sum payments:

- £83,558,000 for financial year 2013/14 (1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014).
- £66,058,000 for financial year 2014/15 (1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015).

Table 1 shows the number of lump sum payments awarded under the AFCS by tariff level for the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Table 1: Lump sum payments awarded, by tariff level and financial year, 2013/14 and 2014/15, numbers^{1,2,3,4}

Tariff	Financial Year	
	2013/14	2014/15
All	6,710	4,980
1	~	0
2	~	0
3	5	~
4	5	~
5	5	~
6	10	5
7	15	5
8	15	~
9	20	10
10	25	20
11	90	65
12	1,315	965
13	2,850	2,165
14	1,630	1,215
15	715	525

Source: Compensation and Pensions System (CAPS)

¹ Figures for lump sum awards include injury claims and further additional claims.

² Conditions are assessed against a tariff of injury table where the lower numerical values (i.e. 1-4) reflect the more severe conditions that are awarded at the highest tariff level.

³ Where more than one condition is claimed for, the table shows the highest tariff level that a claimant has been awarded for a single condition.

⁴ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding.

20 lump sum payments in the financial year 2013/14 and **5** lump sum payments in the financial year 2014/15 were awarded a guaranteed income payment (GIP) at 100%.

Table 2 shows the number of lump sum payments where a GIP was awarded at 75%, 50%, 30% and nil, showing the most severe conditions that have been awarded for the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Please note that in cases where two illnesses/injuries have been awarded at the same highest (most severe) tariff level, both conditions have been included in Table 2.

Table 2: Lump sum payments where a GIP was awarded at 75%, 50%, 30% or nil, by highest tariff level, tariff of injury and financial year, 2013/14 and 2014/15, numbers^{1,2,3,4}

Tariff of injury table and GIP Percentage	Financial Year	
	2013/14	2014/15
Total Number of Awards³	6,690	4,975
Amputations	30	20
0	15	10
50	~	0
75	15	10
Burns	30	25
0	30	25
30	0	~
75	~	0
Fractures and Dislocations	2,100	1,500
0	2,025	1,470
30	50	20
50	20	10
75	10	~
Injury, Wounds and Scarring	1,000	580
0	875	555
30	55	15
50	55	5
75	15	5
Mental disorders	455	420
0	405	385
30	30	25
50	15	~
75	~	~
Musculoskeletal disorders	3,955	3,030
0	3,880	2,980
30	55	40
50	20	5
75	~	~
Neurological disorders	150	80
0	100	65
30	35	10
50	10	~
75	5	~
Physical disorders including infectious diseases	125	85
0	120	75
30	~	10
50	~	0
75	0	~
Senses	510	355
0	435	320
30	45	25
50	25	~
75	5	~
Temporary Award	~	~
0	~	~

Source: CAPS

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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.

Awarded injuries/illnesses under the AFCS are assigned to a tariff of injury table condition grouping, as presented in Table 3.3a of the AFCS official statistic publication. This information is not recorded for unsuccessful cases. Further details on the tariff of injury tables are available at: <http://www.infolaw.co.uk/mod/docs/AFCS-2010-08-03.pdf>.

Tariff levels 1 to 11 are divided into four bands and they refer to the percentage used to calculate the annual amount of the GIP; 100% for Band A (most severe condition awarded at tariff levels 1-4), 75% for Band B (most severe condition awarded at tariff levels 5-6), 50% for Band C (most severe condition awarded at tariff levels 7-8) and 30% for Band D (most severe condition awarded at tariff levels 9-11). More information on how GIPs are calculated can be found in section 2.9 at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/armed-forces-compensation/armed-forces-compensation-what-you-need-to-know>.

A biannual Official Statistic provides summary statistics on claims and awards made under the Armed Forces and Reserve 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>.

An update is due to be released on 4 June 2015.

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

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 and marked ~. 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 War Pension Scheme statistics and 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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