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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 7 August 2015, to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I would like to know how many service personnel over the past 5 years have been awarded the following AFCS payments following an AFCS claim for a fractured tibia:

- a. *Payments of £40,000*
- b. *Payments in excess of £40,000."*

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.

During the past five financial years (1 April 2010 to 31 March 2015), 10 Service Personnel were awarded payments of £40,000 and 5 Service Personnel were awarded in excess of £40,000 in compensation, where the claimed condition referred to a fractured tibia under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS).

In line with Defence Statistics' Rounding Policy for AFCS data, all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest five.

Please note that the amounts presented include the lump sum payment plus any additional allowances paid. More information on supplementary awards given for fractures can be found in the 'fractures and dislocations' section of the tariff of injury tables at:
<http://www.infolaw.co.uk/mod/docs/AFCS-2010-08-03.pdf>.

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>.

Awarded injuries/illnesses under the AFCS are assigned to a tariff of injury table condition grouping, as presented in Table 4.3 of the AFCS official statistic publication. Further details on the tariff of injury tables are available at: <http://www.infolaw.co.uk/mod/docs/AFCS-2010-08-03.pdf>.

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.