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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 6 July 2015 in which you requested the following information:

The GOTT Pension Policy Instruction (PPI) was published by Pensions, Compensation and Veterans in July 2009. Please provide under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 any correspondence to show that this policy document was issued in pursuance of arrangements made by, or with the approval of, or for the time being approved by, a Minister of the Crown.

Please also provide a copy of any covering letter or document that will indicate the distribution of the PPI.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can confirm that no information in respect of the first part of your request is held. Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) it may be helpful if I explain that such documents would not require approval at Ministerial level.

Please find in the annex below an email dated 27 July 2009 which confirms distribution of the GOTT Pension Policy Instruction. This is in scope of the second part of your request. Please note that official's names have been redacted in accordance with Section 40 of the FOI Act (Personal Data).

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

From: DCDS PERS-PCV-PENS PROJ AHD([REDACTED])
Sent: 27 July 2009 17:05
To: SPVA-Pensions Supervisor 1; SPVA-DVS-AFPSI-AFPens3-C2; SPVA-DVS-AFPSI-AFPens2-C2; SPVA-DCH-Change Mgt-Proj-Man2; SPVA-DVS-AFPSI-AFPens1-C2; LF-Sec-F&C-Mil-Pol-SO2([REDACTED])
Cc: DCDS PERS-PCV-AF PENSIONS AHD([REDACTED]); SPVA-DVS-AFPSI-AFPens-C1
Subject: 20090727-GOTT PPI final-u

All,

We have been thro' 9 iterations of this. Time to draw a line and say that this version is as good as it's likely to get for a while. I have been very grateful for the care and attention given this doc over the months. It has been a long haul, but then there is a lot of complicated policy in here. You have all managed to pick out various errors. There may be others, but if anything comes to light, we can amend.

I'll be in Glasgow on Wed 19 Aug (with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] our successor) so will be happy to pick up any points on this or anything else.

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