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Thank you for your email of 1 October seeking information on the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). Your request is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You requested the following information:

*'Since its creation in April 2005 how many people have applied for payouts from the armed forces compensation scheme?*

*How many of the applications have been successful?*

*What is the average wait for someone applying for a payout to receiving any compensation?*

*What is the overall cost of compensation paid out during the scheme? .*

*I appreciate like most FOI you have to limit your searches to a set timescale to fit in within certain cost boundaries. If all questions aren't possible I'd prefer an answer to the ones that can fit within the criteria.*

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The answers to questions 1 and 2 can be found in the public domain at the following link:  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/316495/2014\\_0616\\_AFCS\\_Publication\\_Mar14.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/316495/2014_0616_AFCS_Publication_Mar14.pdf)

The data in Table 2.1, under the heading RESULTS, shows the number of personnel who have applied since the scheme began. Table 3.1 confirms the number of people who have had an award since the Scheme began and the number of applications which have resulted in an award. Please note personnel may have made more than one claim.

The average processing time for Claims to Armed Forces Compensation from April 14 - to date is 89 working days.

A breakdown of the overall cost of compensation paid out during the Scheme is shown at Annexe A of this letter. The expenditure trend reflects the fact the Scheme applies to injuries/deaths due to service from 6 April 05 and hence more personnel have become eligible for the Scheme over time. The Scheme also trails the pattern of UK military activity.

for example, the increase is associated with operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The rise in Financial Year 2011/12 was due to implementation the Boyce Review recommendations which increased tariff payments made that year to those who had received awards from the start of the Scheme in 2005.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Expenditure

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Totals	
Guaranteed Income Payments - Officers/Other Ranks (£'000)		1	72	109	579	1,335	2,261	7,298	9,013	13,971	5,791	40,249
Lump Sum Payments - Officers/Other Ranks (£'000)	1,092	5,253	10,387	30,175	29,575	53,065	126,906	50,115	69,587	16,731	392,896	
Compensation Payable - Widows and Dependents (£'000)	182	833	2,571	2,736	3,253	4,389	7,272	9,178	7,087	2,486	39,967	
<b>Total Compensation Payable (£'000)</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>6,159</b>	<b>13,067</b>	<b>33,480</b>	<b>34,183</b>	<b>59,515</b>	<b>141,476</b>	<b>68,305</b>	<b>90,644</b>	<b>24,988</b>	<b>473,101</b>	

Note - Expenditure for 2014/15 is upto and including 31 July 2014