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Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 5th May 2016 requesting the following information:

"I would like numbers of members of the Armed Forces made redundant in the redundancy tranches between 2010 and 2015 within 4 years of their immediate pension point, divided into those who received an immediate pension and those who did not. Could this information please be divided by Rank."

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am writing to confirm that MOD holds the information on the subject you have requested. However, I have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because to retrieve information in scope of your request would involve record level analysis of hundreds of records of data and would require at least some 4 man days of effort.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you reduce or refine your request to bring the cost of compliance under the limit. One way to do this would be to remove the pension aspects of the question; using retirement point as the immediate pension point could reduce the time taken to produce a response.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to see our UK Armed Forces Redundancy Program Statistics which contains statistics for each of the four redundancy tranches:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-armed-forces-redundancy-program-statistics-index>

Please contact me if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so.

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, 2nd 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/>.

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering **Military Personnel** and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing DefStrat-Stat-Tri-Enquiries@mod.uk

Yours sincerely,

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