



# Ministry of Defence

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SR September 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 29 August, to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*"I wonder would you be so kind as to furnish me with the over-all statistics for approved War Pension claims and disallowed pension claims, for the past 5 years. Would also like to know the Stats for claims which are successful at Tribunal.*

*It would be wonderful if you could furnish me with these details, as a Freedom of Information request should not be necessary for public domain or public interest journalism, and no personal information is being requested".*

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 (MOD), and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested falls entirely within the scope of an absolute exemption under section 21 (Information reasonably accessible by other means) of the FOIA.

Section 21 (1) has been applied, as the information is already in the public domain and therefore reasonably accessible to you at the following links below. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140116142443/http://www.dasa.mod.uk/index.php/publications/health/veterans/war-pensions/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/war-pension-recipients-index>

I also note from your email that you are currently writing an article about homelessness, particularly with regards to Veterans and hope the following link is of some help to you.


<https://www.gov.uk/support-for-war-veterans>

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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