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Dear

Thank you for your letter of 23 July 2015, requesting the following information:

***"I would like to know the following information regarding AFPS 75 pensions for each year in the period 2010-2014:***

- 1. What is the number of unclaimed pensions which were due to start in each year?***
- 2. What is the monetary value of the figure in 1?***
- 3. What is the number of unclaimed survivors' pensions which were due to start in each year?***
- 4. What is the monetary value of the figure in 3?***

***In addition I would like to know the running total (i.e. since 1975):***

- 5. Number of unclaimed pensions.***
- 6. Monetary value of the figure in 5.***
- 7. Number of unclaimed survivors' pensions***
- 8. Monetary value of the figure in 7"***

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The Departments interpretation of your request for information on "*unclaimed pensions*" is: 'deferred pensions that have reached pension age but are unclaimed'. More information on the Armed Forces Pension Scheme can be found the Armed Forces Pension Scheme Annual Accounts (e.g. for 2014-15, the total number of deferred unclaimed pensions can be found on page 7. The web link to this site is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/armed-forces-pension-scheme-annual-accounts-2014-to-2015>.

In answer to your request, please see below:

Point 1	*Volume	Point 2 (Value)
2014-15	16,325	£300,280,000
2013-14	14,440	£274,823,885
2012-13	17,615	£339,947,501
2011-12	17,280	£320,332,017
2010-11	16,305	£286,599,553
2009-10	15,470	£266,777,997

### Points 3, 4, 7 and 8

There are no unclaimed survivors' pensions as there is no automatic entitlement upon a member's death. Survivors have to claim and be assessed for entitlement before a pension is awarded.

Point 5	*Volume	*Running Total 2008/9	Point 6 (Value)	Running Total 2008/9
2014-15	16,325	110,330	£300,280,000	£1,964,131,042
2013-14	14,440	94,005	£274,823,885	£1,663,851,042
2012-13	17,615	79,565	£339,947,501	£1,389,027,157
2011-12	17,280	61,950	£320,332,017	£1,049,079,656
2010-11	16,305	44,670	£286,599,553	£ 728,747,639
2009-10	15,470	28,365	£266,777,997	£ 442,148,086
2008-09	12,895	12,895	£175,370,089	£ 175,370,089

\*please note all pensions data has been rounded to the nearest five.

**For points 5 & 6** - The Department has no detailed financial data pre 2008-09 to enable your question to be answered in its entirety and we are only legally obliged to retain financial data for a seven year period.

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.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,

