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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 22 June 2017 requesting the following information:

*'I came across this:*

*"The following types of income payable by the Crown fall within the definition of pension and are therefore chargeable as UK pensions under Section 569 ITEPA 2003:*

- pensions paid to certain seamen under the Greenwich Hospital Act 1865*

*Given that pensions paid under the Greenwich Hospital Act 1865 lies with the Ministry of Defence, I would be grateful if you could provide me with details of: 1) How many pensions are paid to seamen under the Greenwich Hospital Act 1865?'*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to advise you that the information sought in your request is not held by the Ministry of Defence. Although the Department's Secretary of State is the sole trustee of Greenwich Hospital acting in execution of the Greenwich Hospital Acts 1865-1996, the charity is a separate body from the Ministry of Defence and its day-to-day running is delegated to the Director of Greenwich Hospital who is also its Accounting Officer. The Hospital's charitable activities are reported in its Annual Accounts which are produced by the Hospital and laid before Parliament each year.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act I can inform you that the Hospital no longer pays any pensions under the Greenwich Hospital Act 1865, with the last pension ceasing approximately three years ago.

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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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