

Proposed reduced frequency of the “Armed Forces Compensation Scheme” National Statistic

SUMMARY

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) currently publishes the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme National Statistic on a bi-annual basis. We are now seeking external users' views on reducing the frequency of this publication and reducing the content of this publication.

BACKGROUND

This bi-annual Bulletin provides summary statistics on claims and awards made under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS), paying compensation for injury, illness or death caused by Service.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGE

Defence Statistics is proposing to reduce the frequency of this National Statistic from bi-annual to annual and remove all tables referring to quarterly information as:

- a. The bi-annual report shows the same trends over time as the annual report.
- b. The main report focusses on annual trends over time and the tables that present quarterly information (currently only presented in a separate annex to the report) are not referred to in the main report.
- c. The main internal stakeholder (SPSupport) support the reduction of this National Statistic to annual.
- d. The resource currently used to produce the National Statistic will be redirected to investigate ongoing issues with AFCS reconsiderations data.

TIMINGS

This consultation will run for **four weeks**, from **22 June to 20 July**. This consultation complies with the Government's Code of Practice on Consultations.

As long as there is no objection during the consultation period, the cessation of the report will proceed as planned and the September 2016 bulletin will be the final bi-annual report produced with the following reports produced on an annual basis in the summer for data up till 31 March.

RESPONDING TO THE CONSULTATION

Considering the reasons for the proposed changes, we now invite the feedback of our external data users and are keen to know what impact the reduction of frequency of this publication will have on you.

Ways to respond

If you have any comments on the proposed changes please send:

By email to: DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk

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When sending your comments please include contact details (your name and either e mail address, postal address or telephone number) so that we can follow up if clarification is needed.