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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2017 requesting the following information:

Please can you also confirm under FOIA, of those given an award for CFS under the AFCS:

- the date on which each award was made*
- for each, whether it was awarded because it was accepted that CFS was caused by Service, OR because it was accepted CFS was made worse by Service*
- for each, the stage at which it was accepted as set out above (e.g. at initial consideration by Veterans UK, reconsideration by the SSD, on appeal to the First Tier Tribunal or on appeal to any higher Tribunal or Court)*

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 all of the information in scope of your request is held.

Of the four cases given an award for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme I can confirm the following:

One award was made on 16 December 2007, accepted that Chronic Fatigue Syndrome was caused by service and awarded at claims stage.

One award was made on 17 June 2009, accepted that Chronic Fatigue Syndrome was caused by service and awarded at claims stage.

One award was made on 25 January 2012, accepted that Chronic Fatigue Syndrome was caused by service and awarded at claims stage.

One award was made on 2 August 2016, the First Tier Tribunal determined that Chronic Fatigue Syndrome was worsened by service.

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, 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/>.

Yours sincerely,

A thick black horizontal bar redacting the signature of the sender.