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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14 October requesting the following information:

1) How much compensation Ministry of Defence has the paid to complainants affected by low-flying aircraft since January 2017?

Can you please say how many individual claimants there were and list them by name and detail how much they received?

Can you please say what the single largest payout was and say who this was to?

2) A Parliamentary Written Answer (written question 4598) on July 12 2017 showed that the MoD paid out £224,871.89 in 2016 to complainants affected by low-flying aircraft.

Can you please say how many individual claimants there were and list them by name and detail how much they received?

Can you please say what the single largest payout was and say who this was to?

The Parliamentary Written Answer you refer to above replied to the question asked for payments about injury or loss of animals/livestock only. You clarified your request on 23 October 2017 to include the all categories of claims and in calendar years.

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 this information is held.

Since January 2017 (until 23 October 2017) the MOD has paid 45 individual claimants a total of £129,357.86 for compensation claims arising from military low flying activity. The single largest payment in this period was £17,088.72. Individual payments are attached.

In 2016 the MOD paid 37 individual claimants a total of £275,469.68 for compensation claims arising from military low flying activity. The single largest payment in 2016 was £102,250.00. Individual payments are attached.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information. The MOD does not disclose the detail of individual claims or any information which may lead to the identification of the claimant to any third party; therefore the claimant names are

not provided. However it should be noted that the MOD does not impose this confidentiality restriction on claimants receiving compensation.

The MOD takes the issue of safe low flying extremely seriously and understands that military low flying can be noisy and unpopular but is an essential part of operational training. The MOD is constantly striving to ensure that such disturbance is kept to an absolute minimum and that the burden of noise pollution is as evenly distributed as possible throughout the UK Low Flying System as a whole. In order to ensure that military low flying is as accountable to the public as possible the MOD provides the Low Flying Complaints Enquiry Unit, located at RAF Wittering, which allows the public to report low flying incidents which have raised concern.

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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 normally 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

For DJEP Common Law Claims & Policy

MOD COMPENSATION PAYMENTS - LOW FLYING - JAN-DEC 2016

Srl	Amount Paid	Claim Category
1	£25.00	Property Damage
2	£75.00	Property Damage
3	£75.00	Property Damage
4	£78.00	Livestock
5	£89.00	Property Damage
6	£90.00	Property Damage
7	£100.00	Property Damage
8	£162.00	Property Damage
9	£250.00	Livestock
10	£288.00	Property Damage
11	£297.50	Property Damage
12	£300.00	Property Damage
13	£388.80	Property Damage
14	£412.44	Livestock
15	£504.00	Property Damage
16	£549.28	Livestock
17	£600.00	Property Damage
18	£1,500.00	Personal Injury
19	£1,708.50	Property Damage
20	£1,786.95	Livestock
21	£2,000.00	Livestock
22	£2,200.00	Livestock
23	£2,720.00	Livestock
24	£2,949.91	Livestock
25	£3,000.00	Livestock
26	£3,255.78	Livestock
27	£4,000.00	Personal Injury
28	£4,361.53	Livestock
29	£5,000.00	Livestock
30	£6,041.99	Property Damage
31	£8,315.00	Livestock
32	£12,820.00	Livestock
33	£21,420.00	Property Damage
34	£22,500.00	Personal Injury
35	£23,356.00	Livestock
36	£40,000.00	Livestock
37	£102,250.00	Livestock
TOTAL	£275,469.68	

MOD COMPENSATION PAYMENTS - LOW FLYING - 1 JAN-23 OCT 2017

Srl	Amount Paid	Claim Category
1	£79.00	Property Damage
2	£182.02	Livestock
3	£197.92	Livestock
4	£257.52	Livestock
5	£296.21	Livestock
6	£306.86	Livestock
7	£384.00	Property Damage
8	£405.00	Livestock
9	£535.00	Livestock
10	£543.96	Livestock
11	£600.00	Personal Injury
12	£652.00	Livestock
13	£780.00	Property Damage
14	£970.00	Personal Injury
15	£1,000.00	Personal Injury
16	£1,000.00	Livestock
17	£1,046.45	Personal Injury
18	£1,068.00	Property Damage
19	£1,074.24	Livestock
20	£1,189.17	Livestock
21	£1,200.00	Property Damage
22	£1,390.00	Livestock
23	£1,411.81	Livestock
24	£1,500.00	Property Damage
25	£1,600.00	Livestock
26	£2,000.00	Personal Injury
27	£2,275.00	Livestock
28	£2,353.50	Livestock
29	£2,750.00	Livestock
30	£3,000.00	Personal Injury
31	£3,000.00	Livestock
32	£3,200.00	Property Damage
33	£3,452.48	Property Damage
34	£3,750.00	Livestock
35	£4,400.00	Personal Injury
36	£4,500.00	Livestock
37	£5,000.00	Personal Injury
38	£5,000.00	Personal Injury
39	£5,000.00	Personal Injury
40	£5,500.00	Livestock
41	£6,000.00	Livestock
42	£8,919.00	Livestock
43	£10,000.00	Personal Injury
44	£12,500.00	Livestock
45	£17,088.72	Livestock
TOTAL	£129,357.86	