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Reply to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 August 2018 requesting the following information:

“Please can you supply me with the full contents and findings of the review which the Treasury commissioned the Ministry of Defence's Covenant Fund to carry out - in January 2017 - of all grants awarded by the Libor Fund from 2012.

The review was intended to seek assurance on how the grants were spent, and provide information for future monitoring. It was expected to be completed by December 2017.”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

I can advise you that following a search of our records, I have established that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) does not hold information within the scope of your request.

The information you have requested is held by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and HM Treasury (HMT).

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) I can advise that the Covenant Fund was launched in 2015, and for the first three years was based within the MOD. However in April 2018, following a decision that the Covenant Fund should become independent, it moved to the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - an independent trust.

We understand that the Review was completed recently and is now with HMT for final checking before sending to the National Audit Office.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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