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21 September 2018

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 30 August 2018 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*"Could you tell me the total amount spent on ALSO during the financial year 2017/18"*

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

A search for information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that all of the information is held.

The total amount spent on the Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation (ALSO) in financial year 2017/18 was £33.3M. As previously provided, in the same financial year there were 10,075 people in receipt of ALSO giving an average of £3,300 per recipient per annum.

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

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Yours sincerely,



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