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Dear

Thank you for your email of 27 September 2018 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*"In connection with the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme please indicate the following:*

- 1. How many applications for Exceptional Circumstances Reviews have been made in the previous 12 months?*
- 2. How many of these applications were successful?"*

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 the information in scope of your request is held.

Between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018, 155 Exceptional Reviews were registered under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme. As at 31 March 2018, 40 of the 155 Exceptional Reviews registered during the 2017/18 financial year had resulted in an increased award. There were seven cases still pending an outcome at that time.

Please note this is the most up to date information available.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may be interested to know that Defence Statistics publish details about claims and awards under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). The latest AFCS National Statistic was published on 28 June 2018 (as at 31 March 2018) and can be found at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-index>

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](mailto: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,

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)