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Dear	,		

Date: 20 March 2019

Your correspondence dated 9 February 2019 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

How much money have the Ministry of Defence had to pay out each year since the SNP were elected as a majority government in Scotland in 2011 to compensate British Armed Forces personnel who face higher taxes in Scotland?

Please see the response below.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) has not yet paid out any monies to compensate British Armed Forces personnel in relation to higher income taxes in Scotland.

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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). 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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I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat