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Thank you for your email of 27th August 2019 in which you asked for the following information:

“Please provide copies of the minutes of any meetings of the Army Dress Committee held since 29 Nov 2004.”

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held, I am pleased to advise that minutes of the Army Dress Committee meetings 318 to 350 and 354 to 359 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 2018. 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.

Information has also been redacted under Section 23. Section 23 (Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters) has been applied to some of the information. S23 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

In regards to meetings 351, 352 and 353, I can advise that the information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain and can be found at the following link:
https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/army_dress_committee

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Yours sincerely,

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