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Dear Mr ,

Thank you for your e-mail of 1 April 2020 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme awards. I am treating your request as a request under the Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

You requested the following information:

"Please accept this email as a Freedom of Information request in regards to the number of Level 8, level 6 & Level 4 awards that have been made in regards to table 3 mental disorders of the armed forces compensation scheme."

The figures below present AFCS claims that were cleared between 6 April 2005 (the date that AFCS was introduced) and 31 March 2019 (the latest available date). The figures provided include awards made as a result of an initial claim or following a later review, reconsideration or appeal.

As at 31 March 2019, 74 claims were awarded at tariff level 8 and 56 claims were awarded at tariff level 6 under the Mental Disorders tariff of injury table under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). Until 31 March 2019, tariff level 6 was the highest level that could be awarded under the Mental Disorders tariff of injury table of the AFCS, and therefore no claims were awarded at tariff level 4 as at 31 March 2019. In April 2019, the highest level of award under Table 3 increased to tariff level 4, and the number of awards at this level will be available after the publication of the AFCS bulletin in June 2020.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to note that Defence Statistics publish an annual National Statistic on claims and awards under the AFCS which can be found by following the link below:

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

The latest update was published on 27 June 2019 (as at 31 March 2019).

The data within the latest publication includes the time period 6 April 2005 to 31 March 2019, broken down by financial year. The upcoming publication (due to be released in June 2020) will detail activity as at 31 March 2020, including the 2019/20 financial year and the remainder of the 2019 calendar year.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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