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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 6 November 2019 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

[REDACTED] a Judge of the First-tier Tribunal dated 12 August 2018 made some very critical comments in his Coda at 112. about Veterans UK.
His criticism was profound. He remarked *inter alia*: -

*'It is a poor reflection on Veterans UK who are responsible for compiling the Response and inhibits the efficient administration of justice in these appeals.'
...this case has been one of the most disorganised and illogically compiled the Tribunal Judge has considered for many years.*

'The level of disorganisation lengthened the hearing time preparation and inhibited the understanding of litigant in person.'

Please advise if Veterans UK has been asked to provide an explanation for their lamentable service and, if they have been asked, where their written explanation can be located in the form of an exculpatory narrative.

Your additional email of 4 December 2019 clarified the date of the original statement from Judge Lederman to be:

"WPAFCC ENT/00281 dated 5 June 2018"

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 no information in scope of your request is held. This is because we do not hold any recorded data under the references or dates that you have quoted.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Guidance), we may be able to trace the

information you require, if you are able to provide us with the full name and National Insurance Number of the person the tribunal case relates to. If you are able to do so, we will be happy to look at your request again. Please note that any information could be

subject to exemption under the Data Protection Act 2018, if this relates to an individual's third-party personal information.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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