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Mr [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2020 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

“As a Veteran, and the founder of an FB group I would like information on the actual amount of GBP held in reserve for Military Pensions from 1973 to 1978

Reason for request, to be able to compare pension pre 1975 and following military pension.”

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.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance), it may be helpful if I explain that there is no cash reserve as such. Armed Forces pensions are non-contributory, and the Department finances the pension contribution receipts which are used to pay current pensioners in payment. Any shortfall is made up by direct funding from HM Treasury which is applied for on an annual basis by the Parliamentary Vote and Estimate process.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)