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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 11th November requesting the following information:

“According to page 146 of the Annual Report for 2019/20, £389,000 was spent on eight special severance payments last year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-defence-annual-report-and-accounts-2019-to-2020>

This included a maximum payment of £245,000 and a minimum payment of £10,000.

Could you please provide the details for each of these eight payments, including the name of the recipient, their job title and the amount paid.”

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at sections 40 (2) (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information (names, job titles and organisation) in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. 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.

MOD - Special Severance Payments Paid Financial Year 2019/2020 - Amount (£)

£244,617
£80,009
£11,916
£11,500
£11,000
£10,000
£10,000
£10,000

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint 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. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Resources Secretariat