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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 25 March, requesting the following information:

"In your response to FOI2020/02452, the Ministry stated that "although there are fields for date of loss and country of incident within our claims management systems these are not always populated". This request relates only to those claims where both of these fields have been populated.

Can you please provide the following information:

- 1. The number of new personal injury claims brought against the Ministry of Defence in 2018/19, 2017/18 and 2016/17 where the fields for date of loss and country of incident were populated.*
- 2. Of the above claims, the number where (i) the country of incident was outside the UK and (ii) the claim involved service personnel*
- 3. Of those claims referred to in question 2, the number where the date of loss was 6 or more years prior to the date of claim registration*
- 4. Of those claims referred to in question 2, the number where the date of loss was 3 or more years prior to the date of claim registration*
- 5. Of those claims referred to in question 2, the number where the date of loss was less than 3 years prior to the date of claim registration*

If possible, can you please break down your response by individual year."

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. I am writing to confirm that MOD holds the information on the subject you have requested. However, I need to advise you that the data is only being provided for two years 2018/19 and 2017/18 in order that we do not exceed the appropriate limit.

Of the 2,523 personal injury claims brought in FY18/19, 1,213 have both date of loss and country of incident populated. Of the 1,598 personal injury claims brought in FY17/18, 1,217 have both date of loss and country of incident populated. It should be noted that these figures include claims where the country of loss may be populated with multiple locations or denoted *Various* as often career type claims may have taken place over multiple locations during various deployments in the UK and overseas. The analysis below does not include any such claims.

Please see the table below containing responses for your questions 2-5.

Number of claims	FY2018/19	FY2017/18
Country of incident is outside of UK and the claim involves service personnel	36	65
of which the date of loss was 6 or more years prior to the date of claim registration	~	9
of which the date of loss was 3 or more years prior to the date of claim registration (this includes claims in the category above ie those where date of loss is 6 or more years	~	19
of which the date of loss was less than 3 years prior to the date of claim registration	31	46

~ denotes 5 or fewer

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Yours sincerely,
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