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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 4 June asking for the following information:

"I am looking to find out the following information about compensation claims made to Area Claims Offices (ACOs), under FOI law. Your documentation states that in FY2018/19 there 545 new claims to ACOs. Please could you tell me the following:

- 1. Of those that received new claims this year, which countries were the ACOs based in?*
- 2. How many of these 545 claims were related to fatalities?*

I am requesting raw single figures so I do not believe there is any chance of data protection breaches."

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 information in scope of your request is held.

A total of 545 compensation claims were received by Area Claims Offices in FY2018/19 based in Germany, Cyprus, Afghanistan and the Falkland Islands. I can confirm that there were no fatality claims within the 545 compensation claims.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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