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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 April requesting the following information:

““ Can you please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The total number of personal injury claims settled by the Ministry with a payment of damages and/ or a periodical payment order (PPO), broken down by the following settlement tranches (up to £1.7 million, £1.7 million +)

2. A breakdown of your response to question 1 by the number of claims which included a periodical payment order (PPO) as part of the settlement.

Can you please provide the above information for the following years: 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18”

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.

Please note that the MOD publish statistics on common law compensation claims. The latest update covering the period 2019/20 was published 10 December 2020:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mod-compensation-claims-statistics>

Table 3 of the report provides the number of Employer's Liability – Service personal injury claims that have been settled in the financial years of interest. Please note that the term **settled** relates to claims where damages have been awarded to the claimant and damages and associated legal costs have been paid. The financial year in which settlement is recorded is not necessarily the year in which the damages were paid or any periodical payment order (PPO) was set up.

Table 1: Settled claims broken down by settlement tranches

Financial year in which settlement is recorded ¹	Number of Service Employer's Liability personal injury claims in which damages settled up to £1.7m (of which included a PPO)	Number of Service Employer's Liability personal injury claims in which damages, settled at £1.7m or above (of which included a PPO)
FY17/18	1,177 (0)	~ (0)
FY18/19	1,128 (~)	8 (~)
FY19/20	1,234 (0)	~ (0)

~ Fewer than 5

The table above does not include claims where damages have been settled but legal costs remain outstanding. There may be additional PPOs that have been set up within the Financial years specified but have not been included as the costs of the claim have not yet settled.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the following: Numbers fewer than five have been suppressed in order to reduce the possible inadvertent disclosure of individual identities.

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,

Common Law Claims and Policy