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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14 July 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about Continuation of Education Allowance repayments.

You requested the following information:

“Have any of the current service chiefs, CDS or VCDSs been asked to repay Continuation of Education Allowance?

If so how much and when?”

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 MOD and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

I can confirm that none of the current incumbents of the posts for which information has been requested, have been asked to repay Continuation of Education Allowance.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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