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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 20 July 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

*“Continuity of education allowance. How much was paid for this in 2020, and up to date this calendar year. How many individuals benefited? What was the largest 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 MOD and I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held. Please find the information you requested in the table below:

Calendar Year	Total CEA pay made	Individuals claiming CEA	Maximum Claim made
2020	£81.26M	3180	£11,696
2021 (01-Jan-21 to 30-Jun-21)	£27.43M	2760	£11,696

\*Regarding the number of individuals claiming CEA - figures are rounded to the nearest 10 and numbers ending in five have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systematic bias.

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](mailto: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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