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Thank you for your email of 6 August 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

“1. How any applications for restored widows' pension have you received so far, and 2. How many of those applications have had the restored widows' pension paid.”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The MOD requires further information in order to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. Please could you clarify what years you require the information for? For example, 2020 onwards. Please be advised that for information pre-2003 may result in a section 12 which would exceed the cost limit.

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly 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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow,

Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely



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