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Thank you for your email of 26 August 2021 requesting the following information:

1. *How many army officer's mess bills exceed their net salary?*
2. *How many army officer are required to have at least one that they provide - in addition to any provided by the army?*
3. *How many legacy pay issues are there relating to the army pay system - i.e. disputes/errors over pay that are over 12months old?*
4. *What is the MOD doing about having its accounts repeatedly determined to be flawed i.e. "qualified"*
5. *What is an estimate of the amount of stock held by the MoD that will have to be disposed of?*

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

The Ministry of Defence requires further information in order to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. In particular, it would be useful to know the following:

Regarding point one: It would be useful to know a time period in regard to the data required on mess bills.

Regarding point two: It is not clear what you are referring to by "one" could you please be more specific about what data you require?

Regarding point four: Can you please be more specific about which accounts you are referring to and what data you require?

Regarding point five: It is not clear what stock you require data on. Can you please be more specific with regard to the type of stock and the period that your request covers?

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

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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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