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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 December 2021, requesting the following information:

"Please provide me with the following information.

Within the possible bands or scales:

Final annual salary, annual pension and resettlement grants for the following ranks in the trade of Telecommunications Officer.

All after 22 years pensionable service, ending in 1987 repeat 1987.

*Warrant Officer
Flight Sergeant
Sergeant
Corporal"*

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 (MOD), and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held. However there is no recorded information held that would specifically answer your hypothetical question. There is no requirement under FOI to create information to respond to hypothetical questions posed and submitted under the Act. FOI only covers information that is 'held' and interpretation of legislation in respect of scenarios posed would not represent a valid request for information under FOI.

The amount of pay issued to Royal Air Force personnel, during 1987, was dependent upon a number of factors including, but not exclusively to, time in rank; for example, disciplinary reductions in seniority which may have been applied. Therefore, accurately ascribing a theoretical pay value for someone leaving in each of the ranks as requested, is not possible.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA, I have provided, at Annex B and C, extracts from the 1987 RAF Pay Directed Letter which may be useful to you. Annex B includes pay elements and Annex C provides additional length of service increments of pay; a combination of which will have applied to any individual leaving service during the 12-month period beginning 1 April 1987.

In addition, I should explain that the parts of your request relating to annual pensions and resettlement grants were previously answered under the reference FOI2021/14662 issued to you on 15 December 2021.

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,

Defence Business Services Secretariat