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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 6 December 2021 requesting:

"I would like to know:

- 1) How many applications for war pensions were received in 2020/21 and 2019/20 please*
- 2) How many applications for Armed Forces Compensation Scheme payments were received in 2020/21 and 2019/20 please*
- 3) How many appeals were made for war pension payments in 2020/21 and 2019/20*
- 4) How many appeals were made over Armed Forces Compensation Scheme payments in 2020/21 and 2019/20*
- 5) How many of the appeals for war pensions and AFCS payments were decided in favour of the veteran involved please".*

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.

However, the information you have requested falls entirely within the scope of an absolute exemption under Section 21 (Information reasonably accessible by other means) of the FOIA. Section 21(1) has been applied, as the information is already in the public domain and therefore, reasonably accessible to you at the link below. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and as such, there is no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

The answer to Parts one to four of your request are already published in both the War Pension and Armed Forces Compensation Schemes National Statistics and can be found within table one of the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/war-pensions-scheme-statistics-2021>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-financial-year-202021>

The answer to Part five of your request can be found within tables four and 13. The statistics show the outcomes of appeals cleared in 2019/20 and 2020/21. However, it is worth noting too that some of the registered appeals in 2019/20 and 2020/21 may not yet have an outcome.

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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