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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 January 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

*"I am emailing to request the following information:*

1. *How many British Army reserve Recruits, Privates and Lance Corporals currently receive day rates of:*
  - i. *£40.13 per day? (The daily rate for in-initial training recruits)*
  - ii. *£51.22 per day? (The daily rate for Privates)*
  - iii. *£68.61 per day? (The daily rate for Lance Corporals)"*

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, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. However, the information you have requested falls entirely within the scope of an exemption under Section 21 of the FOIA as it is reasonably accessible by other means. As Section 21 is an absolute exemption, there is no requirement to consider the public interest in making the decision to withhold the information.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Guidance), you may be interested to know that the number of Army Service Personnel broken down by rank can be found in the latest quarterly Service personnel statistics, which are available at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/quarterly-service-personnel-statistics-2021>

The required information can be found in the Excel Tables within Table 11c.

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.

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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