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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"I would like to make a freedom of information request of the Ministry of Defence about the amount paid by the UK Government to supplement the salaries of armed forces personnel who would otherwise be affected by Scottish income tax. I would like to know:

- i) the number of personnel affected*
- ii) the average amount paid to each individual*
- iii) the total amount paid to all individuals."*

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. As Financial Year (FY) 2021-22 is still in progress, please confirm if you would like the information to date for this FY, or for FY 2020-21 or Calendar Year 1 January – 31 December 2021.

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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