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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 April 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), seeking information about Veterans in the UK.

You requested the following information:

"I am writing to you to request any information regarding Veterans in the UK or specifically in Scotland that have been homeless, Unemployed, or recorded as in hardship.

Any information in relation to this would be appreciated.

I realize that this information may not be current but any report or statistics will be of assistance in this matter."

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) it might be helpful to know that Veterans UK keep a record of the number of veterans who have approached the Veteran's Welfare Service (VWS) for support, but this information is not broken down into the categories as requested. Any information held would only capture a percentage of veterans requiring support, as charities or other departments may have been approached without the knowledge of the VWS. We may be able to provide the number of veterans who have approached the VWS over a specific time period, but this could be for any welfare support and not just housing, employment or financial hardship.

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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