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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 May 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

“Can you please provide the following information including the relevant references.

If a Regular Service Member has previously received an award under AFCS 2005 which includes a Guaranteed Income Payment (GIP) would they be eligible to join the Reserve Forces upon leaving Regular service?

Additionally, would there be any implications to their GIP as a Reservist, or would this continue to be paid in a similar manner as to Armed Forces Pension Schemes?”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I would like to apologise for the time it has taken to respond to your request.

Section 1 of the FOIA gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time the request is made and does not require public authorities to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information held. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds no recorded information that would provide an answer to the question you have asked in your request. You may find it useful to know that The Information Commissioners Office publishes guidance on how to make requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act at <https://ico.org.uk/> which you may find helpful in any follow up requests for information.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA, I have passed a copy of your correspondence to the Veterans UK Helpline who will respond to you as soon as possible. However, if you wish to contact them directly you can do so using the address details below.

Veterans UK helpline
Ministry of Defence
Norcross

Thornton Cleveleys
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Email: veterans-uk@mod.gov.uk

Freephone (UK only): 0808 1914 2 18
Telephone (overseas): +44 1253 866 043

Normal Service 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Additionally, you may be interested to know that the JSP 765, Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, Statement of Policy is available on the Gov.UK website at the link below. Pages 38 and 39 may be of specific interest to you.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1005513/JSP_765.pdf

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,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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