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Dear

Thank you for your email of 28 July requesting:

1. The resettlement grant as at 2022 payable to those who have served over 12 years but have left before pension entitlement under AFPS 75,

2. The resettlement grant as at 2022 payable to those who served over 12 years and have left before the EDP under AFPS 05,

3. The resettlement grant as at 2022 payable to those who served over 12 years but left before the EDP for service under solely AFPS 15.

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 there is not an accrued right Resettlement Grant. All Service personnel are enrolled in the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS) 15 and therefore paid an AFPS 15 Resettlement Grant when they leave service.

Due to a delayed Armed Forces Pay Review Board there are currently no revised rates for 2022. The MOD will continue to pay the 2021 rate until a new rate is implemented, which is expected to be towards the end of August/September 2022.

The Resettlement Grants currently in payment applicable to Officers and Other Ranks who give Full Pay Service on the Active List on or after 31 Mar 2021 are as follows:

Officers: £16,597 Other Ranks: £11,344

The grant is payable only to those who are leaving service after nine years for Officers, and 12 years for Other Ranks. It does not apply to those members of the AFPS who are leaving on Immediate Pension terms and is not payable in addition to a pension.

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Yours sincerely

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