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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 November 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*I would like to submit an FOI request;  
“How are those serving members of armed forces in receipt of the fuel subsidy scheme due to receive the £400 winter fuel allowance / rebate? When is this due to be received”?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

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 Commissioner’s 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 of the FOIA (Information and Assistance) you may wish to be aware that the Energy Bills Support Scheme is not one of the Armed Forces allowances listed in JSP 752 (Tri Service regulations for expenses and allowances). The MOD does not administer the Energy Bills Support Scheme and consequently does not hold information regarding the Schemes’ payment to Armed Forces Personnel. The Scheme is administered by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

Further information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/getting-the-energy-bills-support-scheme-discount>

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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