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Dear

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 May 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"We write to request information regarding the way in which claims under the War Pension Scheme and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme are awarded and assessed. Specifically, in relation to the War Pensions Scheme we should be grateful to receive all information held concerning the "list of Statutory Scheduled Assessments which apply to the listed injuries and act as reference points" as mentioned in section 2, part 2.13 of publication JSP 765 Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Statement of Policy".

I am treating your request as a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held. However, I must advise that the information you have requested falls entirely within the scope of an absolute exemption under Section 21 of the FOIA as it is reasonably accessible by other means. As Section 21 is an absolute exemption, there is no requirement to consider the public interest in making the decision to withhold the information.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) I can advise that the requested information can be found in the Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 2006 at Schedule 1 Part V. For ease of reference the link is below: <u>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/606/part/II/2019-04-08</u>

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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk</u>). 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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Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <u>https://ico.org.uk/</u>.

Yours sincerely

