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Defence Business Services

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3 October 2022

Dear

Thank you for your letter of 10 October 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"Question 1. How many Ministry of Defence civil servants received exit payments higher than the £95,000 cap in the years 2016 and 2017?

Question 2. How many Ministry of Defence civil servants received exit payments that were subject to the £95,000 cap in the years 2016 and 2017

Question 3. How many Ministry of Defence civil servants appealed their reduced exit payments following the judicial review? Of those, how many appeals were successful?

Question 4. How many Ministry of Defence civil servants in receipt of reduced exit payments were contracted by their ex-employers, following the judicial review and offered appropriate remedy?"

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 Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held. This is because My Civil Service Pension (MyCSP) are the paying agent for Civil Service pensions and lump-sums and were so in the years requested. As MyCSP is administered by the Cabinet Office, you may wish to re-direct your questions to that Department at the address details below.

FOI Team Cabinet Office Room 405 70 Whitehall London SW1A 2AS

Email: foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to be aware that further information regarding the Civil Service Compensation Scheme (CSCS) can be found on the Civil Service Pensions Scheme website at

https://www.civilservicepensionscheme.org.uk/media/txmh0d2u/civil-service-compensation-scheme-scheme-key-facts-aug-22.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,



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