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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 2 December 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*Please accept this FOI from the Forces Pension Society.  
Please indicate by month between 1 June 2020 and 31 May 2022:*

*How many deferred AFPS pensions were claimed within 3 months either side of the due date  
How many deferred AFPS pensions were claimed more than 3 months after the due date  
How many deferred AFPS pensions remained unclaimed?*

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 all information in scope of your request is held. The data for the number of deferred Armed Forces Pension Schemes pensions claimed within and over three months of the due date can be found at Annex A. There are 456 unclaimed preserved pensions outstanding for the requested period.

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.

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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

[Redacted Signature]

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**DEFERRED AFPS PENSIONS BETWEEN 1 JUNE 2020 AND 31 MAY 2022**

<b>Processed Month</b>	<b>Claimed Within 3 months</b>	<b>Claimed over 3 months</b>
Jun-20	526	58
Jul-20	488	521
Aug-20	530	468
Sep-20	517	347
Oct-20	534	355
Nov-20	531	381
Dec-20	374	107
Jan-21	450	80
Feb-21	460	274
Mar-21	617	228
Apr-21	510	311
May-21	510	250
Jun-21	842	401
Jul-21	583	487
Aug-21	474	319
Sep-21	675	179
Oct-21	456	147
Nov-21	697	125
Dec-21	369	83
Jan-22	590	117
Feb-22	540	116
Mar-22	679	139
Apr-22	609	128
May-22	694	159

Note: There are still 456 unclaimed preserved pensions outstanding for the period in question.