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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email received by the department on 26 August 2022 requesting the following information:

“Could you please answer the following questions in relation to the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

1. For each of the following financial years (16/17) (17/18) (18/19) (19/20) (20/21) and (21/22) could you please state (i) how many claims were paid under the category for amputations and what was the total compensation paid.
2. For each year could you please break down these amputation payments to show the (i) number paid and (ii) the total compensation paid out at each injury level.
3. For each of the following financial years (16/17) (17/18) (18/19) (19/20) (20/21) and (21/22) could you please state (i) how many claims were paid under the category for senses and what was the total compensation paid.
4. For each year could you please break down these senses payments to show the (i) number paid and (ii) the total compensation paid out at each injury level.”

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 information in scope of the request is held. Some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR. In line with JSP 200 the following disclosure control method has been applied to reduce the possible inadvertent disclosure of individual identities: the number of successful Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) claims have been rounded to the nearest five and numbers less than three have been suppressed. Where the number of awards has been suppressed, the expenditure information has also been suppressed in the corresponding tables. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Please note that multiple injuries/illnesses can be awarded under one claim. In these cases, the amount reported in this response for lump sum compensation is specific to the condition awarded under the Amputation or Senses tariff of injury table. However, the Guaranteed Income Payment (GIP) covers the total amount paid for the whole awarded claim as it is not possible to split this down by specific conditions. Amputation or Senses conditions awarded tariff levels 12-15 have been removed from GIP expenditure calculations, as any payments on these claims can be safely assumed to be awarded to other conditions that warranted a tariff level 1-11.

Table 1 presents the number of AFCS claims awarded at least one tariff under the Amputations tariff of injury table, between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2022. Total amounts paid out in lump sum compensation and Guaranteed Income Payments (GIP) as at 31 March 2022 are also presented.

Table 1: AFCS claims awarded under the Amputations tariff of injury table by financial year^{1,2}, numbers³ and £⁴
1 April 2016 – 31 March 2022

	All	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Number of awards	50	20	5	5	5	5	10
Lump sum	£2,301,400	£1,170,700	£191,900	£352,700	£392,400	£7,400	£186,200
Guaranteed Income Payments (GIP)	£627,500	£450,500	£0	£115,100	£61,900	£0	£0

Sources: Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) and Veterans UK Finance Team

1. Presented by financial year in which initial claim was cleared. If a claim had subsequent activity (a reconsideration, appeal and/or review) which led to an increase in awarded tariff, the claim is presented in the financial year the initial claim was cleared.

2. The numbers presented in this response do not match the numbers presented in the AFCS National Statistic. The AFCS National Statistic presents the number of conditions awarded under the AFCS by the financial year the initial claim was registered. This response presents the number of claims awarded under the AFCS by the financial year the initial claim was cleared.

3. In line with JSP 200, these numbers have been rounded to the nearest five.

4. Amounts awarded have been rounded to the nearest hundred.

Table 2 presents the number of AFCS claims awarded at least one tariff under the Amputations tariff of injury table, between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2022 by tariff level and financial year. Please note, not all tariff levels 1-15 are available for awards under the Amputations tariff of injury table.

Table 2: AFCS claims awarded under the Amputations tariff of injury table by tariff level¹ and financial year^{2,3}, numbers⁴
1 April 2016 – 31 March 2022

Tariff Level	All	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total	50	20	5	5	5	5	10
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	5	~	~	0	~	0	0
6	10	5	0	~	0	0	~
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	~	0	0	~	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	5	5	0	~	~	0	0
13	15	5	~	~	~	0	5
14	20	5	5	~	5	5	5
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) and Veterans UK Finance Team

1. The latest awarded tariff level on the claim, including any subsequent activity.

2. Presented by financial year in which initial claim was cleared. If a claim had subsequent activity (a reconsideration, appeal and/or review) which led to an increase in awarded tariff, the claim is presented in the financial year the initial claim was cleared.

3. The numbers presented in this response do not match the numbers presented in the AFCS National Statistic. The AFCS National Statistic presents the number of conditions awarded under the AFCS by the financial year the initial claim was registered. This response presents the number of claims awarded under the AFCS by the financial year the initial claim was cleared.

4. In line with JSP 200, these numbers have been rounded to the nearest five.

Tables 3 and 4 present the AFCS expenditure under the Amputations tariff of injury table, between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2022 by tariff level and financial year. Table 3 presents the Lump Sum expenditure and Table 4 presents the GIP expenditure. Please note, not all tariff levels 1-15 are available for awards under the Amputations tariff of injury table.

Table 3: AFCS Lump Sum expenditure under the Amputations tariff of injury table by tariff level¹ and financial year², £^{3,4}

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2022

Tariff Level	All	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total	£2,301,400	£1,170,700	£191,900	£352,700	£392,400	£7,400	£186,200
1	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
2	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
3	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
4	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
5	£890,800	~	~	£0	~	£0	£0
6	£1,149,400	£716,800	£0	~	£0	£0	~
7	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
8	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
10	~	£0	£0	~	£0	£0	£0
11	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
12	£71,600	£42,800	£0	~	~	£0	£0
13	£110,900	£46,800	~	~	~	£0	£33,400
14	~	~	£10,900	~	£9,300	£7,400	~
15	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

Sources: Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) and Veterans UK Finance Team

1. The latest awarded tariff level on the claim, including any subsequent activity.
2. Presented by financial year in which initial claim was cleared. If a claim had subsequent activity (a reconsideration, appeal and/or review) which led to an increase in awarded tariff, the claim is presented in the financial year the initial claim was cleared.
3. Amounts awarded have been rounded to the nearest hundred.
4. Amounts have been suppressed on tariffs and financial years where less than three claims have been awarded. Secondary cell suppression has also been applied to the next smallest amounts so that the amounts of suppressed cells cannot be derived from totals and sub-totals.

Table 4: AFCS GIP expenditure under the Amputations tariff of injury table by tariff level¹ and financial year², £^{3,4}

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2022

Tariff Level	All	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total	£627,500	£450,500	£0	~	~	£0	£0
1	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
2	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
3	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
4	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
5	~	~	£0	£0	~	£0	£0
6	£379,500	~	£0	~	£0	£0	£0
7	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
8	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
10	~	£0	£0	~	£0	£0	£0
11	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

Sources: Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) and Veterans UK Finance Team

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2. Presented by financial year in which initial claim was cleared. If a claim had subsequent activity (a reconsideration, appeal and/or review) which led to an increase in awarded tariff, the claim is presented in the financial year the initial claim was cleared.
3. Amounts awarded have been rounded to the nearest hundred.
4. Amounts have been suppressed on tariffs and financial years where less than three claims have been awarded. Secondary cell suppression has also been applied to the next smallest amounts so that the amounts of suppressed cells cannot be derived from totals and sub-totals.

Table 5 presents the number of AFCS claims awarded at least one tariff under the Senses tariff of injury table, between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2022. Total amounts paid out in lump sum compensation and Guaranteed Income Payments (GIP) as at 31 March 2022 are also presented.

Table 5: AFCS claims awarded under the Senses tariff of injury table by financial year^{1,2}, numbers³ and £⁴

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2022

	All	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Number of awards	750	220	180	125	95	65	60
Lump sum	£5,433,100	£1,581,100	£1,291,500	£1,141,700	£588,300	£451,200	£379,400
Guaranteed Income Payments (GIP)	£1,264,000	£494,000	£389,200	£256,800	£78,500	£45,500	£0

Sources: Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) and Veterans UK Finance Team

1. Presented by financial year in which initial claim was cleared. If a claim had subsequent activity (a reconsideration, appeal and/or review) which led to an increase in awarded tariff, the claim is presented in the financial year the initial claim was cleared.
2. The numbers presented in this response do not match the numbers presented in the AFCS National Statistic. The AFCS National Statistic presents the number of conditions awarded under the AFCS by the financial year the initial claim was registered. This response presents the number of claims awarded under the AFCS by the financial year the initial claim was cleared.
3. In line with JSP 200, these numbers have been rounded to the nearest five.
4. Amounts awarded have been rounded to the nearest hundred.

Table 6 presents the number of AFCS claims awarded at least one tariff under the Senses tariff of injury table, between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2022 by tariff level and financial year. Please note, not all tariff levels 1-15 are available for awards under the Senses tariff of injury table.

Table 6: AFCS claims awarded under the Senses tariff of injury table by tariff level¹ and financial year^{2,3}, numbers⁴

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2022

Tariff Level	All	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total	750	220	180	125	95	65	60
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	~	0	0	~	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	~	~	0	0	0	0	0
8	10	~	5	5	~	0	0
9	~	0	0	0	0	~	~
10	5	0	~	0	~	~	0
11	25	5	5	5	~	5	~
12	25	10	5	5	5	~	0
13	585	185	145	95	60	45	50
14	65	20	15	10	15	5	5
15	65	10	15	10	15	5	5

Sources: Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) and Veterans UK Finance Team

1. The latest awarded tariff level on the claim, including any subsequent activity.
2. Presented by financial year in which initial claim was cleared. If a claim had subsequent activity (a reconsideration, appeal and/or review) which led to an increase in awarded tariff, the claim is presented in the financial year the initial claim was cleared.
3. The numbers presented in this response do not match the numbers presented in the AFCS National Statistic. The AFCS National Statistic presents the number of conditions awarded under the AFCS by the financial year the initial claim was registered. This response presents the number of claims awarded under the AFCS by the financial year the initial claim was cleared.
4. Amounts have been suppressed on tariffs and financial years where less than three claims have been awarded. Secondary cell suppression has also been applied to the next smallest amounts so that the amounts of suppressed cells cannot be derived from totals and sub-totals.

Tables 7 and 8 present the AFCS expenditure under the Senses tariff of injury table, between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2022 by tariff level and financial year. Table 7 presents the Lump Sum expenditure and Table 8 presents the GIP expenditure. Please note, not all tariff levels 1-15 are available for awards under the Senses tariff of injury table.

Table 7: AFCS Lump Sum expenditure under the Senses tariff of injury table by tariff level¹ and financial year², £^{3,4}

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2022

Tariff Level	All	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total	£5,433,100	£1,581,100	£1,291,500	£1,141,700	£588,300	£451,200	£379,400
1	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
2	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
5	~	£0	£0	~	£0	£0	£0
6	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
7	~	~	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
8	£478,400	~	£183,600	£173,000	~	£0	£0
9	~	£0	£0	£0	£0	~	~
10	£83,400	£0	~	£0	~	~	£0
11	£354,000	£72,500	£95,300	£93,600	~	£47,900	~
12	£235,200	£95,700	£30,300	£59,700	£28,800	~	£0
13	£3,571,200	£1,108,000	£897,300	£598,700	£381,000	£280,300	£305,900
14	£193,000	£50,700	£39,800	£24,700	£37,100	£26,000	£14,800
15	£72,400	£11,500	~	~	£19,800	£7,400	£4,700

Sources: Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) and Veterans UK Finance Team

1. The latest awarded tariff level on the claim, including any subsequent activity.
2. Presented by financial year in which initial claim was cleared. If a claim had subsequent activity (a reconsideration, appeal and/or review) which led to an increase in awarded tariff, the claim is presented in the financial year the initial claim was cleared.
3. Amounts awarded have been rounded to the nearest hundred.
4. Amounts have been suppressed on tariffs and financial years where less than three claims have been awarded. Secondary cell suppression has also been applied to the next smallest amounts so that the amounts of suppressed cells cannot be derived from totals and sub-totals.

Table 8: AFCS GIP expenditure under the Senses tariff of injury table by tariff level¹ and financial year², £^{3,4}

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2022

Tariff Level	All	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total	£1,264,000	£494,000	£389,200	£256,800	£78,500	£45,500	£0
1	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
2	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
5	~	£0	£0	~	£0	£0	£0
6	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
7	~	~	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
8	£350,300	~	£171,800	~	~	£0	£0
9	~	£0	£0	£0	£0	~	~
10	£72,700	£0	~	£0	~	~	£0
11	£529,500	£169,300	£186,400	£142,500	~	£14,000	~

Sources: Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) and Veterans UK Finance Team

1. The latest awarded tariff level on the claim, including any subsequent activity.
2. Presented by financial year in which initial claim was cleared. If a claim had subsequent activity (a reconsideration, appeal and/or review) which led to an increase in awarded tariff, the claim is presented in the financial year the initial claim was cleared.
3. Amounts awarded have been rounded to the nearest hundred.
4. Amounts have been suppressed on tariffs and financial years where less than three claims have been awarded. Secondary cell suppression has also been applied to the next smallest amounts so that the amounts of suppressed cells cannot be derived from totals and sub-totals.

Under Section 16 (advice and assistance) you may wish to note the following:

Armed Forces Compensation Scheme

Under Section 16 (advice and assistance) you may wish to note the following:

The Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for injury, illness or death attributable to Service that occurred on or after that date. It replaced the previous compensation arrangements provided by the War Pensions Scheme (WPS) and the attributable elements of the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Pensions Scheme.

The legislation surrounding the payment of compensation under each tariff of injury table also determines the tariff level at which each injury/illness should be paid compensation. There are 15 tariff levels which each attract a lump sum award. Tariff levels 1-11 also attract an ongoing Guaranteed Income Payment (GIP), a tax-free index-linked income stream known as the Guaranteed Income Payment (GIP) is paid from the latest date of either service termination or the date of claim for life to recognise loss of future earnings due to the injury or illness.

Due to a GIP being paid upon leaving service, it is possible that claims awarded a tariff 1-11 have not received a payment due to the person still being in-service as at 31 March 2022.

AFCS data is sourced from the Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) which is administrated and managed by DBS Veterans UK. The Veterans UK finance team provided the financial amounts paid out in lump sum compensation and Guaranteed Income Payments (GIP).

Data were extracted from the CAPS as at 31 March 2022 to inform the latest published National Statistics, as published on the Gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-index>

Claimants' injuries/illnesses considered to be Service-attributable are awarded under the AFCS in line with one of nine tariff of injury tables, which each cover the legislation surrounding the payment of compensation: Table 1 - Burns; Table 2 - Injury, Wounds and Scarring; Table 3 - Mental Disorders; Table 4 - Physical Disorders; Table 5 - Amputations; Table 6 - Neurological Disorders; Table 7 - Senses; Table 8 - Fractures and Dislocations; and Table 9 - Musculoskeletal Disorders. The information supplied in this response concerns awards made under Table 5 – Amputations and Table 7 - Senses.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely

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