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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 May 2024 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

*"Please can I raise the following FOI request (for Veterans UK / DBS):
What progress has been made issuing Remedial Service Statements (RSS) to the retrospective remedy veteran cohort, arising from the McCloud pension ruling?"*

Please provide; the number of veterans within the target cohort who are due to receive RSSs by 1 May 25, and the number of RSSs despatched to date?"

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

You may recall I wrote to you on 6 June 2024 to explain that we were considering whether the following qualified exemption; Section 22 (Future Publication) was appropriate in this case. However, following investigations, this has not been necessary, and the requested information can be found below.

The progress the department has made issuing Remedial Service Statements (RSS) to the retrospective remedy veteran cohort, arising from the McCloud pension ruling as at 9 May 2024 can be found in the table below,

Type of RSS issued	Total Issued
Leavers	4,029
Deferred	10
Death	10
Immediate Choice	1,113

The number of veterans within the target cohort who are due to receive an RSS by 1 May 2025 is 34,917.

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,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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