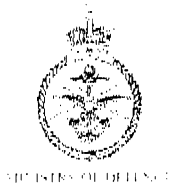


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~~11th~~ October 2010

Dear Mr Bamford,

Thank you for your further e-mail of 27 August in which you clarified that the specific information you required related to the original appointment of the recently retired twelve members of the War Pensions Committee (WPC) Northern Ireland, namely the specific provision under Section 4.(3) of the legislation under which they were appointed. Your e-mail has been considered as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

Although all twelve members were considered to be representative of war disablement pensioners' issues (Section 4.(3)(a)), of these, two were considered representative of war widows (Section 4.(3)(b)), and six representative of voluntary organisations engaged wholly or partly in the care of the families of ex-service personnel or their families in Northern Ireland (Section 4.(3)(c)). None the former members were considered to be representative of district councils (Section 4.(3)(d)).


If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible, and you are still dissatisfied, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details

of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

I hope this reply is helpful and explains the position.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Humberstone', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kim Humberstone
Director of Corporate Services