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Dear Mr Mander,

Thank you for your email of 21 July requesting the following information:

"make request of information as to the statistics of MOD Civilian Staff In Year Reward Scheme (IYRS) administered by the Ministry of Defence 38 Irish brigade in Northern Ireland.

The requested information pertains to the successful awards of IYRS specifically to MOD Civil Servants whom are employed as members of the Northern Ireland Security Guard Service (NISGS).

Information is requested as groups of grades within the NISGS Grades structure:

- 1. NISGS E2 grades (CSO5)
- 2. NISGS E1 Grades (CSO4)
- 3. NISGS Band D Grades4. NISGS Band C2 and C1 Grades

This request is for the previous 12 months from the date of your receipt of this request."

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 and is shown below.

Table 1: The numbers of awards administered to civilian staff in NISGS, through the In Year Reward Scheme (IYRS) covering 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019.

NISGS Grades	Number of awards
E2 (CSO 5)	50
E1 (CSO 4)	~
D	10
C2 and C1	~

Please note that an individual can receive more than one reward per financial year. All values have been rounded to the nearest 10, or 20 if the figure ended in 5. Tilde ($^{(\sim)}$) represents a number lower than 10, but greater than zero.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent

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Yours sincerely,

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