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Dear Mr Ashby,

SALARIES IN EXCESS OF £50K

Thank you for your e-mail to the Ministry of Defence, dated 21 February 2010, which was considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. I have been asked to reply.

Your first query concerns appointments that carry a salary of £50k pa or more within the Royal Air Force (RAF). I can confirm that RAF personnel of the rank Squadron Leader and above earn a salary of £50k pa or more. RAF Squadron Leaders receive a salary of £50k and above dependent on their level of experience and the expertise required. Please see the table below illustrating the pay levels for RAF Squadron Leaders which shows that those of level 4 and above are in receipt of a salary of £50k or more. To list each appointment that receives a salary of £50k or more would involve searching through several files and the cost of complying with this request would exceed the appropriate limit set in the FOI Fees Regulations.

OF3 Range		
	Level 9	56,077.92
Navy: Lieutenant Commander	Level 8	54,917.52
	Level 7	53,765.40
R.M.: Major	Level 6	52,609.20
	Level 5	51,444.96
Army: Major	Level 4	50,292.60
	Level 3	49,128.36
RAF: Squadron Leader	Level 2	47,980.32
	Level 1	46,824.00

With regard to your second query concerning Councillors and gratuities received, the RAF does not give Councillors gratuities in excess of £50k pa.

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 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, 6th 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 remain dissatisfied 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>.

Yours sincerely

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