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Your reference:

Our reference: FOI 14-09-2010-164757-003

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Dear XXXXX,

Thank you for your email dated 14 September 2010 which has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request has been passed to my department and I have been asked to respond. You asked the following information:

"Statistical information - for each year since and including 2005 the number of complaints of (i); sexual assaults; (ii); rape and (iii), other sexual attacks that have taken place within each of the British Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air force , broken down into figures for each Service.

Please could the information include how many complainants were male or female, how many alleged perpetrators were male or female, and identify how many involved a complainant and perpetrator of the same sex, and whether they were male or female. "

Some of the information you have requested is enclosed in the attached table, however in order to get to the level of detail you seek regarding the sex of the accused perpetrator and the sex of each victim in each case, the Ministry of Defence would require the case files to be examined in all instances. This would take a significant period of time as your question includes all complaints (including ones involving the civil police). Consequently to answer this part of your question would incur disproportionate cost greater than the limit set by the FOI Act, so this part is considered exempt under Section 12 of the FOI Act.

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, 1st Floor, Zone N, 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.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The MOD therefore will be simultaneously posting the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context, in our online FOI Disclosure Log at <http://www.foi.mod.uk>.

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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**Investigations into Sex Offences 2005-2010
as at 17 Sep 2010**

	Total Investigations:						946
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Royal Navy Police							
Investigations into all sexual offences (totals)	8	7	10	9	6	3	
Investigations following an allegation of rape	1	1	1	0	0	1	
Investigations following an allegation sexual assault	6	5	8	7	4	0	
Investigations following an allegation of other sexual offences	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Investigations following an allegation of possession of indecent images	1	0	1	2	2	1	
Royal Military Police¹							
Investigations into all sexual offences (totals)	139	147	141	105	126	89	
Investigations following an allegation of rape	17	24	30	18	26	23	
Investigations following an allegation sexual assault	70	80	62	43	62	45	
Investigations following an allegation of other sexual offences	33	23	23	20	18	14	
Investigations following an allegation of possession of indecent images	19	20	26	24	20	7	
Royal Air Force Police							
Investigations into all sexual offences (totals)	43	29	20	20	29	15	
Investigations following an allegation of rape	1	3	1	1	0	1	
Investigations following an allegation sexual assault	19	9	8	10	13	5	
Investigations following an allegation of other sexual offences	14	10	7	5	13	7	
Investigations following an allegation of possession of indecent images	9	7	4	4	3	2	

¹ Royal Military Police statistics for investigations includes all Joint Police Units (Cyprus, Gibraltar and Falkland Islands) and operational theatres (Op HERRICK, TELIC)