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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 1 February 2015 requesting the following information;

“Under the FOI Act I would like details of the number of suicides or open verdict deaths have been recorded for serving members of the armed forces since 2008. I would like the answer broken down by year and service”

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 information in scope of your request is held by the MOD. The information you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA, because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is already available in the public domain. The information you have requested can be found at Annex A of the Defence Statistics annual National Statistic publication: UK Armed Forces Suicide and Open verdict deaths: 1984 to 2014. Please see link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-armed-forces-suicide-and-open-verdict-deaths-2014>

The latest version of this National Statistic to include 2015 deaths is due for release on 31 March 2016.

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering Suicides in the UK Armed Forces and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing: DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st 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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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