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Reply to: [REDACTED]

7 December 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence dated 1 December 2016 requesting the following information:

*“Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I am requesting the following information about drugs in the British armed forces (British army, Royal navy, Royal Marines, and the RAF).*

- 1. Please send me the number of failed drugs tests for personnel in the British armed forces in 2016.*
- 2. Please send me the number of failed drugs tests for personnel in the British armed forces in 2015.*
- 3. Please send me the number of failed drugs tests for personnel in the British armed forces in 2014.*
- 4. Please send me the number of failed drugs tests for personnel in the British armed forces in 2013.*
- 5. Please send me the number of failed drugs tests for personnel in the British armed forces in 2012.*
- 6. Please send me the number of people dismissed from the British armed forces in each of the last five years for failing a drugs test.*
- 7. Please send me the number of people dismissed from the British armed forces in each of the last five years for drugs possession. Where possible please say what drugs have been found.*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However I am writing to confirm that your request is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act because the information is accessible to you by other means. The information you require can be found at the link below:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/555925/RED\\_FOI2016\\_08187.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/555925/RED_FOI2016_08187.pdf)

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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 FOI 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat FOI