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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 6 December in which you requested information about alleged breaches of the Civil Service Code. 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. I can confirm that the MOD does hold information within the scope of your request.

Taking your questions in turn, in regard to Q1, the Ministry of Defence is a Government Department.

In regard to Q2, an individual has the option to raise concerns through an authorised external route such as the Health and Safety Executive, or the Civil Service Commission, or a prescribed person.

In regard to Q3, there are currently four MOD nominated officer roles in the Department, however, one of the roles is currently vacant.

In regard to Q4, the other roles are:

- i. Director Service Personnel Policy
- ii. Director Resources – Air Command
- iii. Director Business Resilience

In regard to Qs 5 and 6, any concerns since March 2014 that have been reported to Defence Business Services have been recorded centrally. Prior to this, information was recorded locally.

In regard to Q7, cases prior to March 2014 were not recorded centrally, therefore, this information is not available. In regard to the other parts of Q7, the information is not available in this detail. However, the Department is currently redefining Whistleblowing Management Information requirements as part of a wider Whistleblowing review.

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 CIQ-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>.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Personnel Secretariat