



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 19 May 2014 in which you requesting the following information:

*'Under FOI regulations, please could you provide a figure for the number of rape or sexual assault accusations that have been made within the British military since 2006.'*

I am writing to confirm that we are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). I can confirm that the MOD holds some information within the scope of your request. However we do not hold data going back to 2006. We only have data compiled since the commencement of Armed Forces Act 2006 (i.e. 01 Nov 09).

The information requested is contained in Annexes A and B to this letter.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, the figures provided have been rounded to the nearest 10, where "-" denotes zero, "~" denotes a number less than or equal to five. When rounding up to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias. Due to the rounding methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts.

The figures relating to rape offences are categorised as rape as covered in Section 1 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (SOA03 s.1). The Service Police do not make a distinction between Sections 2 and 3 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (SOA03 s.3 or s.3) when cases are referred to the Service Prosecuting Authority; therefore the figures for sexual assault are for offences covered in Sections 2 or 3 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

Please note that the data provided is based on information recorded by the Service Police where the Service Police have jurisdiction and the investigative lead. It does not, therefore, include cases which have been dealt with by the civilian police, for which only limited information is held.

The Service Prosecuting Authority may receive referrals in one year and the cases are directed/not directed and/or tried in the following year, so there is no direct correlation to the number of cases brought in any one year.

We have defined allegations "concerning Army, Navy & RAF" as allegations *made by* Persons subject to Service Law (PSSL) and Civilians Subject to Service Discipline (CSSD), against PSSL or CSSD.

The Service Police information has been extracted from a database known as "REDCAP". This is a live policing tool, built around the personal details of many thousands of serving and retired personnel. It provides a link to all recent Service Police investigative records. As such, it is an

extremely important and useful source of information. We have made a general ("catch all") search of REDCAP using its existing search facilities (based on, amongst other things, crime classifications) followed by manual checks on records to determine (a) whether the information held on REDCAP is accurate; (b) whether it falls within the scope of the questions; and, (c), if so, to extract the required information from the investigative records in order to answer the Questions.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 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 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

Defence Personnel Secretariat

Rape Allegations (SOA03 s.1) by year

Year Rape Allegation made SOA03 s.1	Total Rape Allegations Made per year SOA03 s.1	Rape Allegations against Service Personnel per year SOA03 s.1	Rape Allegations against Civilians Subject to Service Discipline per year SOA03 s.1	Total Rape offences that occurred in UK by year SOA03 s.1	Total Rape offences that occurred in BFG (British Forces Germany) by year SOA03 s.1	Total Rape offences occurring in other country (speculate which country and number) by year SOA03 s.1	Total Rape Court Marital trials per year	Total Rape Convictions per year SOA03 s.1
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)		
2009 (From 31 Oct 09 onwards)	-	-	-	-	-	(*Includes ~ in Cyprus)	-	-
2010	20	20	-	10	20	(*Includes ~ in Africa and ~ in the Falkland Islands)	10	-
2011	20	20	-	10	10	-	10	-
2012	20	20	-	10	10	(*Includes ~ in Cyprus, ~ in Africa and ~ in Afghanistan)	-	-
2013	30	20	-	10	10	(*Includes ~ in Cyprus; ~ in the Falkland Islands and ~ in Canada)	-	-
2014 (To 2 Apr 14)	10	10	-	-	-	(*Includes ~ in the Falkland Islands)	-	-

Sexual Assault Allegations (SOA03 s.2 or s.3) by year

Year	Total Sexual Assault Allegations	Sexual Assault Allegations against Service Personnel	Sexual Assault Allegations against Civilians Subject to Service Discipline	Sexual Assault offences that occurred in UK	Sexual Assault offences that occurred in BFG (British Forces Germany)	Sexual Assault offences that occurred in another country	Sexual Assault Court Martial trials per year	Sexual Assault Convictions per year
Sexual Assault Allegation made SOA03 s.2 and s.3 2009 (From 31 Oct 09 onwards)	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
2010	70	60	10	30	30	10* (*Includes ~ in the Falkland Islands, ~ in Iraq and ~ in Afghanistan)	20	10
2011	60	50	-	30	20	10* (*Includes ~ in Canada, ~ in Gibraltar, ~ in Afghanistan, ~ in Africa, the Falkland Islands, ~ in Cyprus, ~ in Austria and ~ in Canada)	20	10
2012	40	40	-	20	10	10* (*Includes ~ in the Falkland Islands, ~ in Oman, ~ in Cyprus, ~ in Crete, ~ in Bahrain and ~ in Afghanistan)	10	-
2013	60	50	-	40	10	20* (*Includes 10 in Afghanistan, ~ in Crete, ~ in the Falkland Islands, ~ in Africa, ~ in Canada, ~ in Diego Garcia, ~ in The Netherlands and ~ in Cyprus)	10	-
2014 (To 2 Apr 14)	10	10	0	-	-	10* (*Includes ~ in USA, ~ in Cyprus and ~ in Canada)	-	-

Please Note:

All SOA03 Offences listed in Annexes A and B were reported to and investigated by the Service Police.

Results are limited to information held on REDCAP database.