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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 September 2014 clarifying that you wished to be provided information for incidents reported to both civil and military police. Your e-mail of 18th September requested the following information:

- “1) How many cases of rape or other sexual attack/sexual offence have been reported to the armed forces in the last three years for which figures are available
- 2) In how many of these cases have the police been informed?
- 3) In how many cases has the alleged perpetrator been charged?
- 4) In how many cases has a member of the armed forces been convicted of a rape or any other sexual attack or offence?”

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

I have to advise you that you will need to contact the Home Office regarding incidents reported to the civil police as that information is not held by the Ministry of Defence.

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.

Rape ¹

Year	Reported	Referred	Directed for Trial	Conviction
2011	20	20	10	~
2012	20	20	10	~
2013	30	10	10	~

¹ Where the Service Police have jurisdiction and investigative lead

Sexual Assault including Sexual Assault by Penetration ²

Year	Reported	Referred	Directed for Trial	Conviction
2011	60	40	40	30
2012	40	30	20	10
2013	60	40	20	10

Investigations by the Service Police are not necessarily referred to the Service Prosecuting Authority (SPA) in the same year as they are reported.

The SPA 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.

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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Personnel Secretariat

² Where the Service Police have jurisdiction and investigative lead