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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 18 October where you requested the following information:

My request relates to Military Court Service documents circa 2012 to the present date.

Please provide all documents written by the Director of Military Court Service, concerning the implications to the Service Justice System brought about by further Efficiency/Saving under ABC13.

Please provide all documents written by The Summary Appeals & Custody Case Officer or Court Administration Officer concerning the implications to the Service Justice System due to appeals brought about under section 141 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 out of time.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested with regards to any documents written by the Director of Military Court Service are attached. Please note, however, that some of the information is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act, because it is personal information, therefore this information has been redacted.

With regards to the second part of your request, I have established that the information you have requested does not exist. It might be helpful if I explain that The Summary Appeals & Custody Case Officer or Court Administration Officer have not written any documents concerning the implications to the Service Justice System due to appeals brought under section 141 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 out of time. This is because there are no implications. The out of time process is law and its availability is part of what makes summary hearings compliant in law.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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