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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated the 13th August 2014 requesting the following information.

Please could you provide me with the rates of convictions in the armed forces for fraud (of any kind) since 2006, with a yearly breakdown

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 of the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found enclosed below.

FRAUD

Year	Cases referred to the SPA	Cases Directed for Prosecutions	Convictions
2009	127	80	73 (4)
2010	124	77	69 (7)
2011	74	34	32 (4)
2012	64	33	28 (3)
2013	63	36	29 (4) (an additional 4 cases yet to go to trial)
2014 (as at 14/08/14)	16	4	2

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Service Prosecuting Authority came into effect from 2009. We therefore do not hold statistical information appertaining to fraud cases prior to that point. Secondly, the overall conviction figure includes both not guilty pleas and non-contested. The figures in brackets relate to contested cases.

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

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