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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 11 June 2015 requesting the following information:

"May I please have copies of legal training material given to prospective Officer Commanding and Commanding Officers outlining their powers under the service discipline system and in particular with regard to formal charges being brought against service personnel that they would have to hear summarily. I would like material that was used in the 1990's, 2000's and current.

May I please have a copy of the information given to a soldier found guilty of a charge at a summary hearing in-front of his or her officer commanding or commanding officer.."

This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held.

Please find attached the last three iterations of the presentation provided by Navy Legal-Discipline Law to the Commanding Designated Course. Also attached is a copy of the training presentation currently provided by the Army and a copy of Army General Administrative 67. Please note any statistics included in the Army presentation have been produced as snapshots for internal training and demonstration purposes and therefore should not be relied upon as verified figures. The RAF does not have any additional training material to what is already in the Military Service Law. Please note that in accordance with the provisions of Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act, personal data has been removed. Unfortunately, I have to advise you that material used in the 1990s, 2000s is no longer held.

With regard to current policy, this information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. Please see the links below where the information can be retrieved:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/manual-of-service-law-msl>

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/348831/20140826-Ch13-Summary\\_Hearing\\_Sentencing\\_Punishments\\_AL29.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/348831/20140826-Ch13-Summary_Hearing_Sentencing_Punishments_AL29.pdf)

Chapter 15

[http://www.raf.mod.uk/rafcms/mediafiles/0052D4CE\\_5056\\_A318\\_A845FF7A10717CBA.pdf](http://www.raf.mod.uk/rafcms/mediafiles/0052D4CE_5056_A318_A845FF7A10717CBA.pdf)

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat