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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Your correspondence dated 11 December 2015 is considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested the following information:

1. *“How many security breaches were recorded by the MoD in (i) 2014 and (ii) the first six months on 2015? Please provide the figures on the same basis as that provided to Kevan Jones MP in response to a Parliamentary Written Answer [ref: 216403 – 5.12.2014].*
2. *In relation to the (i) 2013/14 and (ii) 2014/15 financial years please state how many reports were made to JSyCC that confidential information (any MoD information that is either personal, Protectively Marked or specifically not meant to be made public without undergoing the approved MoD clearance procedures) were leaked on to social networking sites.*
3. *For each of the last ten occasions in relation to the incidents in Question 2 please state (i) the date it was reported, (ii) the website involved, (iii) which area of the military the information related to, (iv) a categorisation of the security level of the information involved and (v) a summary of the nature of the information and why it was considered a security breach in the same level of detail and format as provided in a previous Fol response [Ref: ANNEX A to [REDACTED]].”*

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

I wrote to you on 13 January 2016 advising that I believed the information you requested would be subject to an exemption under section 31 (Law Enforcement) and that a public interest test would need to be carried out. I can confirm that the information you requested is not subject to the exemption and therefore a public interest test was not required.

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

Information relating to your request at question 1 and question 2 (i) and (ii) is held centrally and is provided in the tables below. Please note that we have interpreted your question 3 to be seeking to establish whether a civilian or Military employee was responsible for placing the information on a social networking site.

For the purposes of your request we used the search criteria: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, social media and social networking.

Q1.

Year	Number of Information Security Incidents reported
2014	1515
2015 (01 Jan – 30 Jun)	817

Q2.

Financial Year	Information leaked on social networking sites
2013/14	4
2014/15	14

Q3.

The information requested at Q3 is detailed in a table on the accompanying Annex A to this letter.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd 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,

Information Systems and Services (ISS) Secretariat