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Thank you for your email dated 14 April 2016 requesting the following information:

" Thank you for your reply [Our Reference: 20160404-FOI2016/03884 dated 14 April 2016 in response to your email dated 4 April 2016]. Can I please request the information only for the ARMY and for the past THREE years."

Your email dated 4 April 2106 requested the following information:

"I would like to know the number of military personnel (army, navy and air force) sacked or suspended relating to claims of extremism or radicalisation. As an example, this could include a soldier who was suspended for posting extremist messages on Facebook. Another example could be a sailor suspended for expressing support for Islamic State. I would like this information for the last five years, broken down by year and by rank. Where possible I would like to know why they have been suspended and if they were subsequently reinstated or sacked. Please can you provide this information electronically"

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

A search for information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The Charge Particulars field on the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system is a free text field and the level of detail recorded can differ from case to case. A key word search using JPA Discipline has been conducted and found the following information in scope of your request. The details are shown below:

No. of Army Personnel sacked or suspended relating to claims of extremism or radicalisation: One

Broken down by year and by rank: 2014; Private

Suspended and if they were subsequently reinstated or sacked: Service terminated

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd 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 of this letter.

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Yours sincerely,

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