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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 12 December 2014 in which you requested the following information:

*" Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know how many members of the armed forces are listed on the Sex Offenders Register
I would like to know when the individual was placed on the register, in which service they are currently serving the nature of the crime and why they are allowed to remain serving in the armed forces."*

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

A search for the 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 Armed Forces considers the impact on the Service of all those who are found to fall short of the required high standards of conduct and behaviour, particularly where this involves convictions in a civilian or military court. Where appropriate, and depending on the circumstances, a variety of administrative sanctions are available following a conviction which range from a warning through to administrative discharge. While those with a conviction for a sexual offence are normally administratively discharged each case is dealt with on a case-by-case base and in exceptional circumstances retention can be approved. Registered sex offenders who continue to serve in the Armed Forces are managed by the appropriate civilian Responsible Authority under Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA).

There are currently 15 serving members of the Armed Forces who have been convicted of an offence and are listed on the sex offenders register. These 15 members of the Armed Forces were listed on the sex offenders register as a result of convictions between May 2007 and November 2014.

	Serving members of Armed Forces on Sex Offenders Register
Army	10
Royal Navy	~
Royal Air Force	~

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, the figures provided have been rounded to the nearest 5, "~" denotes a number less than or equal to five.

We cannot provide further information about individual cases as to do so would constitute the release of sensitive personal information which is exempt from publication under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and the MOD is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

You may be interested to know that details of convictions at the Court Martial can be found online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/court-martial-results-from-the-military-court-centres>

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,

Defence Personnel Secretariat