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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 14 April in which you requested the following information:

The number of recorded offences of (1) rape of a male, and (2) sexual assault on a male in (a) 2010, (b) 2011, (c) 2012, (d) 2013, and (e) 2014.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. Following a search of our records, I can confirm that the MOD does hold information relating to your questions.

The table below contains the information requested:

Year	Rape of a Male (SOA 03 s.1)	Sexual Assault by Penetration on a Male (SOA03 s.2) and Sexual Assault no Penetration on a Male (SOA03 s.3)
2010	0	10
2011	~	14
2012	~	12
2013	~	23
2014	~	8

Please note that in accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data a figure of 5 or fewer is represented by ~.

Notes on the above information –

- We have interpreted the term “Recorded offences” as investigations into allegations that have been conducted by either the Service Police or the Ministry of Defence Police

(MDP) only (i.e. where they have retained jurisdiction and investigative lead). It does not include allegations/investigations conducted by other law enforcement organisations such as the Home Office Police.

- The figures relate to "allegations" and do not take into account issues such as; whether or not the suspect was referred or charged with an offence, whether the complaint was withdrawn, or that there was insufficient evidence to charge or no suspect was identified.
- Because of the jurisdictional position it should not be assumed that all male victims are a member of the military however every case where we have retained jurisdiction has a military nexus.
- We have interpreted "Rape of a male" as being an offence contrary to section 1 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.
- We have interpreted "Sexual Assault" as being offences contrary to sections 2 & 3 of the Sexual Offences Act 03 (Assault by penetration & Sexual Assault).
- Section 1 offences can only be committed by a male while Section 2 & 3 offences can be committed by either a male or a female.
- The data is limited to information recorded by the MOD for the period 01 January 2010 to 31 December 2014.
- The information has been collated by the Service Police Crime Bureau's (SPCB) Crime Statistics Analysis Cell (CSAC) on behalf of the Royal Navy Police, the Royal Military Police and the Royal Air Force Police. The SPCB information has been extracted from a database known as "REDCAP". While REDCAP can be searched in various ways (for example, via crime classification, date of offence or date of birth), problems with the way information has been electronically recorded over many years means that its search tools do not enable it to provide accurate answers to Questions of this kind. The CSAC has therefore made a general ("catch all") search of REDCAP using its existing search facilities (based on, amongst other things, crime classifications) followed by manual checks on records to determine (a) whether the information held on REDCAP is accurate; and (b) whether it falls within the scope of the question. The MDP information has been collated from the MOD Police Crime Recording System.

I hope that this information will be helpful to you.

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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,


Defence People Secretariat