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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 8 September 2015 requesting information on the following:

'No of child sex abuse offences committed by Royal Navy personnel from 1st January 2010 to 31st December 2014.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Child sex abuse has been interpreted as an offence within the Sexual Offences Act 2003 specifically involving a child victim. Offences involving indecent images have been deemed to be out of the scope of your request.

The Department does not hold data recording civilian prosecutions of Service personnel our response is therefore limited to Service prosecutions. An offence that fits this criteria would fall to Schedule 2 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 and would therefore only be prosecutable at Court Martial. I can confirm that our records indicate that there were no Court Martial convictions for such offences within this period.

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

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