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Reply to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 4 March 2016 in which you have requested the following information:

- “1. How many serving members of the armed forces are currently on the sex offenders’ register? At what category and level is each offender managed at, and what was the principal offence they committed that required them to be registered?”*
- 2. In a previous FoI response [PF 22-01-2013-111732-004 – Davis] you gave details of the number of claims of compensation you received from (a) armed forces personnel and (b) veterans that they were either raped or sexually assaulted. You also stated in the response what branch of the armed services they had been in and if they were paid compensation how much they received. The response gave details for the years 2002 to 2012 inclusive. Could you now provide similar results on the same basis for claims received in (a) 2013, (b) 2014 and (c) 2015?*
- 3. For (i) 2013, (ii) 2014 and (iii) 2015 please state how many reported instances of rape and sexual crimes against military personnel by other military personnel there were.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information within the scope of your request.

However, Part 1 of your request is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act because the information is accessible to you by other means. You may wish to note that Service personnel can only be placed upon the Sexual Offenders Register when sentenced at Court Martial. Details of Court Martial results from the Military Court Centres from January 2010 to April 2015 can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/court-martial-results-from-the-military-court-centres>.

This site provides information on all Service personnel that have been convicted at Court Martial together with the resulting sentence imposed upon them, including being placed on Sex Offenders Register (SOR).

Regarding Part 2 of your request I must advise that when we provided the information relating to earlier years in response to the FOI request PF 22-01-2013-111732-004 - Davis, there were a number of areas in which we could not provide data because records were not held and this is still the case.

Some background explanation is offered as follows:

- Details of whether the claimant is still serving or discharged are not held.
- The year given is the year in which the claim was first made, not necessarily the year of the incident leading to the claim.

- The payment figures include legal and other costs (such as medical/expert reports) as well as compensation.
- The figures reflect the position now and not the final outcome of the claim in all cases. There will be more payments in future in some cases.
- 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 10, where “-“ denotes zero, “~” denotes a number less than or equal to five.

The answer to Part 2 of your request is contained in the table herewith:

Year	Number	Service of Claimant	Payment (compensation and legal and other costs if paid)
2013	~	Army	£1,041.48
2013	~	Royal Navy	NIL
2013	~	Army	£22,420.00
2013	~	Army	£116,473.13
2014	~	Army	NIL
2015	~	Army	NIL
2015	~	Army	£6,247
2015	~	Army	£5,000

Turning now to Part 3 of your request I must advise that this Part is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act because the information is accessible to you by other means. Figures relating to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the three Services from 2010 to 2015 has been previously published online and can be found at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/501242/20160212\\_FOI\\_00028\\_Response\\_Redacted.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/501242/20160212_FOI_00028_Response_Redacted.pdf)

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [REDACTED]). 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

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