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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2016, which requested the following information:

'How many officers (commissioned or non-commissioned) or ratings were discharged from the Royal Navy (Regular or Reserve) between January 2011 and January 2016 on the grounds that they had no legal right to be in the UK? What further action was taken against the individual (s) concerned?'

Your inquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Despite an extensive search across the Ministry of Defence it has not been possible to locate any information in scope of your request. During the relevant period there is no record of any personnel being discharged from the Royal Navy or Royal Naval Reserve on the grounds of their not having a legal right to remain in the UK. In view of the absence of any records the conclusion is that zero personnel have been discharged for this reason, and this is a situation we would expect to be the case given the rigorous scrutiny of the eligibility of candidates during the recruitment process.

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 this office 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.

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Yours sincerely

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