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Ref: FOI2016/11495

Reply to: [REDACTED]

7 December 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 25 November 2016 requesting the following information:

*“Under the FOI Act, could you provide details of the number of allegations of rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment and all sex related offences made from 2010 to 2016. I would also like the figures broken down by service and whether the allegations led to any formal charges being made. I would also like details of the number of convictions for the same offences.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

I can advise you that following a search of our records, I have established that the information you requested is held by the Ministry of Defence (MOD). However, under Section 21 of FOIA the MOD is not obliged to supply information that is reasonably accessible by the applicant, by other means.

Information relevant to this request for the period 2010 to 2015 was provided to you under cover of FOI2015/04309 dated 11 June 2015. Additionally, the information is now available from the MOD Annual statistics on offences contrary to the Sexual Offences Act 2003 and historic sexual offences dealt with wholly within the Service Justice System. The information is available at the 2015 Sexual Offences Official Stats at the link below:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sexual-offences-in-the-service-justice-system>

The number of cases of sexual harassment in the Armed Forces from 2010 to 2015 was published by MOD under Reference: HOCS FOI2016/00028 in the collection of FOI responses on the Gov.uk web site at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing-8-february-2016>

Data for 2016 is exempt under Section 22 of FOI Act as the MOD is not obliged to supply information that is planned for future publication. The 2016 statistics will be included in [gov.uk/government/collections](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections) which we plan to release by the end of March 2017.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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 FOI 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 FOI