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Reply to: [Redacted]

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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your emails of 22 June 2017 requesting the following information:

- "1. Please tell me in the last 5 years how many reported rapes have taken place involving Royal Navy staff [FOI2017/06052] Army staff [FOI2017/06053] Royal Air Force staff [FOI2017/06054]. Please provide the data broken for each year. i.e 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.*
- 2. Please tell me how many of these reported rapes resulted in a charge. Data broken down for each year as above.*
- 3. Please tell me how many of these reported rapes resulted in a conviction. Data broken down for each year as above.*
- 4. Please tell me how many of these reported rapes resulted in a dismissal. Data broken down for each year as above."*

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 some of the information you requested is held by the Ministry of Defence (MOD). The total number of reported rapes dealt with by the Service Police from 2012 to 2016 are outlined in the table below.

#### **Cases reported to the Service Police from 2012 to 2016**

|              | <b>Royal Navy</b> | <b>Army</b> | <b>Royal Air Force</b> |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| <b>2012</b>  | 0                 | 22          | 2                      |
| <b>2013</b>  | 1                 | 25          | 2                      |
| <b>2014</b>  | 1                 | 24          | 1                      |
| <b>2015</b>  | 2                 | 17          | 2                      |
| <b>2016</b>  | 5                 | 19          | 7                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | 9                 | 107         | 14                     |

However, under Section 21 of FOIA the MOD is not obliged to supply information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Further information relevant to this

request is included in the Court Martial results from January 2010 onwards which are published and available at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/court-martial-results-from-the-military-court-centres>

The Court Martial results contain information on the defendants' rank, Service, charge and sentence (including whether dismissal was part of the sentence).

You may also wish to note that Service Police information is now available from the MOD Annual statistics and that information for 2015 and 2016 has been published and is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sexual-offences-in-the-service-justice-system>

The information at the above links applies to those cases dealt with by the Service Police. MOD does not hold records of cases dealt with by the Home Office Police.

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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