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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2017 requesting the following information:

*“Date Range 12.10.2015 to 10.10.2016*

*1. Of the 660 armed forces personal who provided +CDT's please provide a break down of:*

*A. The Type of Drug Detected ( eg 20 People Tested Positive for Cannabis etc etc)*

*B The Sanction/Punishment or Award given.*

*C. Rank*

*2. How many of the 660 +CDT's provided were from personnel who are in the*

*A. The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment*

*B. The Life Guards*

*C. The Blues and RoyalsD What was the drug or drugs that were detected in the CDT's”*

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

The information provided relates to the Date Range 12 October 2015 to 20 October 2016 as requested. The responses are set out in the same order as your request.

Table 1: Positive CDT results - breakdown of drugs detected between 12 October 2015 to 20 October 2016

<b>Drug Detected</b>	<b>Quantity*</b>
Amphetamine	13
Benzodiazepine	7
Cocaine	586
Ecstasy	92
Heroin	1
Ketamine	7
Methyl Amphetamine	2
Cannabis	169
Steroid	40

*\* some personnel tested positive for more than one drug*

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) conducts compulsory drug tests due to substance misuse being incompatible with Military Service. Only 0.3% of Armed Forces personnel fail these and anyone that falls short of our high standards are disciplined. In exceptional circumstances, second chances may be considered. This will only happen where a Commanding Officer believes the individual meets the stipulated retention criteria.

The Joint Service Publication (JSP) 835 details the MOD's process for dealing with a positive CDT result which is available on the gov.uk website:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/425401/20131101-JSP\\_835-V2\\_0-U.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/425401/20131101-JSP_835-V2_0-U.pdf)

Table 2: Positive CDTs, 12 October 2015 to 20 October 2016 displayed by NATO rank

Rank	Qty
OR 1 - 2	580
OR 3 - 4	60
OR 5 - 7	10
OR 8 - 9	~
OF 1 - 2	~
OF 3 - 5	~
OF 6 - 10	-

Please note that a conversion of the NATO Rank Codes to UK Service Ranks is available at this link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/28057/Kkeytorankcode.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/28057/Kkeytorankcode.pdf)

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, disclosure control has been applied to the figures provided in Table 2. Therefore the figures have been rounded to nearest 10, where "-" denotes zero, "~" denotes a number less than or equal to five. When rounding up to the nearest 10, numbers ending in a "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent the systematic bias caused by always rounding numbers upwards. For example; a value of '25' would be rounded down to '20' and a value of '15' would be rounded up to '20'. Additionally, totals and sub-totals are rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.

Further information about MOD disclosure control is available at this link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/561507/MOD\\_Statistics\\_-\\_Disclosure\\_Control\\_and\\_Rounding\\_Policy-amd.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/561507/MOD_Statistics_-_Disclosure_Control_and_Rounding_Policy-amd.pdf)

Of the 660 positive CDTs in the period 12 October 2015 to 20 October 2016, less than five results involved members of the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment (which were for Cocaine). None of the personnel were members of the Life Guards or the Blues and Royals.

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,

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