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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 March 2017 in which you requested the following information:

“Information that I would like to sought is as follows:

*Statistics regarding the Reporting & Recording, Convictions and Sentencing of Sexual Offences committed within the Armed Forces within the last five years.”*

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

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds this information. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain at:

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

Figures for all forms of sexual offending from 2010 to 2015 are contained within the following response:

[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)

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that Commanding Officers are not legally able to hear a charge of a sexual offence contrary to the Sexual Offences Act 2003; these offences can only be dealt with by Court Martial. All Court Martial results since 2010 are available on gov.uk:

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

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 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat