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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 26th January 2017 requesting the following information:

'Thank you for your reply and may I seek further clarification.

Your reply indicates "the number of informal resolution proposals made to complaints in the form of the letter described in your question totalled 10".

This could be seen to skirt around the original question or in fact, by clever wording (no doubt by the lawyers themselves) deliberately avoid it. The question was how many of these complaints initiated a direct intervention by Commodore, Naval legal service?

Can you therefore confirm that Commodore Naval legal service actually signed the 10 letters mentioned above and if not how many of those letters were actually signed by him offering an informal resolution as per the original question?'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds information in scope of your request.

In response to your question, I can confirm that 9 of the 10 letters offering informal resolution proposals were actually signed by the Commodore Naval Legal Services.

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). 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

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