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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SCREENING OF CRIMES

We refer to your email dated 3 March 2017 which was acknowledged on the 6 March 2017.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email of the 3 March 2017 you requested the following information:

"I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the process of 'screening out' of crimes (also known as NFA - No further action).

- 1. Please can you tell me how many crimes reported to your force were screened out in calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?
- 2. How many total crimes were reported to the force in the same period?
- 3. Can you also provide a breakdown of the information with regards to type of crime (burglary, assault, sexual assault, etc). Can I have that data broken down by calendar years?"

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

1. Please can you tell me how many crimes reported to your force were screened out in calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) does not have a specific crime screening process. If crimes are reported to the MDP that are not within our remit they are passed to the local Home Office Police force or Police Scotland accordingly. These crimes are not recorded on our systems. Therefore, all crimes recorded are crimes the MDP have dealt with.

2. How many total crimes were reported to the force in the same period?

Year	Total no. of crimes reported to the MDP
2014	834
2015	829
2016	696
2017 (to date of request)	131

3. Can you also provide a breakdown of the information with regards to type of crime (burglary, assault, sexual assault, etc). Can I have that data broken down by calendar years?

2014	
No. of Crimes	Offence Type
40	Assaults Non Police
3	Sexual Offences
4	Public Order Offences
120	Criminal Damage/ Malicious Mischief
73	Burglary / theft by House Breaking or OLP*
46	Fraud
476	Other Theft Act
3	Forgery
4	Drugs Offences
2	Customs Offences
5	Traffic Offences
58	Other Offences

^{*}Opening of a lockfast place (Scotland)

2015	
No. of Crimes	Offence Type
30	Assaults Non Police
6	Sexual Offences
1	Public Order Offences
119	Criminal Damage/ Malicious Mischief
33	Burglary / theft by House Breaking or OLP
74	Fraud
460	Other Theft Act
3	Forgery
9	Drugs Offences
6	Traffic Offences
88	Other Offences

2016	
No. of crimes	Offence Type
24	Assaults Non Police
2	Assaults On Police
2	Child Sexual Offences
6	Sexual Offences
3	State Offences
4	Public Order Offences
82	Criminal Damage/ Malicious Mischief
16	Burglary / theft by House Breaking or OLP
55	Fraud
416	Other Theft Act
3	Forgery
10	Drugs Offences
1	Customs Offences
7	Traffic Offences
65	Other Offences

2017	
No. of crimes	Offence Types
8	Assaults Non Police
1	Sexual Offences
7	Public Order Offences
15	Criminal Damage/ Malicious Mischief
4	Burglary / theft by House Breaking or OLP
11	Fraud
67	Other Theft Act
2	Forgery
16	Other Offences

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email 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 the 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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