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Reply to: [Redacted]

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2018 requesting the following information:

“Please can you provide me with the number of child pornography investigations, charges, Service jurisdiction trials and convictions in the Armed Forces sector in each of the last 10 years.”

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Following a search of our records I can inform you that the MOD holds information within the scope of your request.

Please find below data on the number of cases received, directed and trial results for the offence of indecent images of children from 2008 to 2017.

Year	Cases referred to SPA	Directed for CM	Guilty plea	Convictions	Acquittals
2008 *	11	8	7	1	0
2009 *	17	15	13	2	0
2010	9	6	5	0	1
2011	11	5	5	0	0
2012	10	9	9	0	0
2013	9	6	5	1	0
2014	12	8	6	2	0
2015	10	5	4	0	1
2016	10	6	2	3	1
2017	12	11**	8	0	1

Table Notes :

* Please note that the data provided for 2008 and 2009 may not be totally accurate as explained later in this letter.

** 2017 cases directed – we are still awaiting ~ directed cases to go to trial.

SPA means the Service Prosecution Authority
CM means Court Martial

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) I can advise you that the Service Prosecution Authority (SPA) did not come into effect until 1 January 2010. Data prior to this date encompasses information derived from the separate sources of the Army Prosecution Authority, RAF Prosecution Authority and the Navy Prosecution Authority - all of whom held their data in differing formats.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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