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Reply to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 25 April 2018 requesting the following information:

"I want to know the total number throughout all the armed forces including air force and Navy of sexual assault and rape allegations between beginning of 2007 and end of 2017 and how many convictions for sexual assault rape or other sexual crimes there were in this period. Can you please identify how many people were convicted."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). I apologise for the time taken in replying to your correspondence.

I can advise you that following a search of our records, I have established that some of the information you requested is held by the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

During the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2014 there were 958 allegations of sexual assault and rape against Service personnel. There were 66 Service personnel convicted of sexual offences at Court Martial during the years 2007 to 2009. Please note that these figures are Service estimates, not official published statistics.

I must advise that under Section 21 of FOI Act the MOD is not obliged to supply information on Court Martial results from January 2010 onwards as this information is already available in the public domain and available at the link below:

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

The Court Martial results contain information on the defendants' rank, Service, charge and sentence (including whether dismissal was part of the sentence).

Information to cover the period 2015 to 2017 is also already available in the public domain. Further information relevant to this request is included in the Service Police information available from the MOD Annual statistics, which includes information for 2015 to 2017. This published data is available here:

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

Please note that the information provided in this response and at the link provided applies to those cases dealt with by the Service Police. The MOD does not hold records of cases

dealt with by the civil courts or civil police (these are handled by the Home Office and Ministry of Justice).

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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