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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 31 October 2017 requesting the following information:

*"For the last five years for which figures are available, please provide the following information:*

- 1. How many allegations of rape were made to the Service Police?*
- 2. How many allegations of rape were passed by the Service Police to the civilian police to investigate?*
- 3. How many allegations of rape were investigated by the Service Police?*
- 4. How many allegations of rape resulted in a referral to the Service Prosecution Authority?*
- 5. How many allegations of rape resulted in the accused being charged with rape?*
- 6. How many allegations of rape resulted in a conviction for rape at court martial?"*

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Following a search of our records, I have established that some of the information you have requested is held by the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

The information in respect of 2013 and 2014 is shown in the table below.

Year	Allegations of rape to Service Police	Allegations of rape passed by the Service Police to the civilian police to investigate	Allegations of rape investigated by the Service Police	Allegations of rape made referred to the Service Prosecution Authority
2013	30	~	20	10
2014	30	~	30	~

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, disclosure control has been applied to the figures provided herewith. Disclosure control is necessary when presenting any statistical or numeric information to safeguard the confidentiality of individuals, to protect commercially sensitive information, or where sharing the statistics may pose a threat to security.

The figures provided in this response have therefore been rounded to the nearest 10, where "-" denotes zero, "~" denotes a number less than or equal to five. When rounding up to the nearest 10, numbers ending in a "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent the systematic bias caused by always rounding numbers upwards. For example; a value of '25' would be rounded down to '20' and a value of '15' would be rounded up to '20'.

The information in respect of questions 1, 3 & 4 for 2015 and 2016 is exempt from release under Section 21 of FOI Act because the MOD is not obliged to supply information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The information is contained in the 'Sexual Offences in the Service Justice System' official statistics published in the link below.

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

The information in respect of question 5 and 6 for 2013 – 2017 is exempt from release under Section 21 of FOI Act because the information is contained within the Court Martial results, link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/court-martial-results-from-the-military-courtcentres#full-history>

The statistics for 2017 are exempt from release under Section 22 of the FOI Act (Information intended for future publication) because the statistics for 2017 are due to be published in March 2018.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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