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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated the 13th February where you have requested the following information:

“Breakdown of the number of incidents of expense fraud reported within your department over the last two calendar years, 2018 and 2017.

The raw numbers are fine, however if possible within the limit please include details on the nature and outcome of the incidents.”

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that MOD holds information on the subject you have requested.

The data in respect of this reply has been collated from Fraud Defence’s (MOD’s central reporting point for all suspicions of Fraud, Theft, Bribery and Corruption) case management system where reports have been received.

The number of incidents reported as expense fraud in 2017 and 2018

Calendar Year	2017	2018
Total	172	108

As of 22nd February 2019 the recorded outcome of the incidents reported as expense fraud and closed in 2017 and 2018.

Outcome	2017	2018
Dismissed	Less than 5	7
Error	59	15
Formal Action	Less than 5	7
Informal Action	7	0

No Issue / No Further action	86	26
Other	Less than 5	0
Unable to pursue	Less than 5	Less than 5

Please note: some cases are still under investigation and remain open.

The Ministry of Defence has clear policies and guidelines in place for both Service and Civilian staff concerning Business travel.

The Department run a proactive programme of work to detect potential fraud and error within the travel claims system. Claims made are subject to mandated audits, data analytics and random sampling.

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.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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