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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 4 March 2019 requesting the following information:

*“1) Could the department please provide information on whether there are any proposed or approved policy changes to PPMIS and provide details of any proposed or approved changes and when these will be rolled out.*

*2) Could the department please provide information on*

*a) If there is any accommodation specifically for lesbians serving within the Armed Forces.*

*b) The number of reported female on female assaults for the year 2019 so far, 2018, 2017 and 2016.*

*3) The number of houses owned by the MoD which fall under what used to be categories III and IV of the 4 tier grading system.*

*4) Any anticipated costs of altering SLA and SFA to be suitable for injured personnel returned to unit.”*

Your email has been passed to the Defence People Secretariat within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

In regard to Question 1, the Army Medical Employment Policy is routinely reviewed and updated. Updates to the policy often necessitate updates to the PPMIS software application. Changes are currently being introduced. However, as these changes need to be programmed and tested by the software development team whose responsibilities range beyond PPMIS, it is not possible to confirm exactly when each change will be completed.

In regard to Question 2a, Single Living Accommodation in the Armed Forces is allocated on the basis of rank and sex but not on sexual orientation.

In regard to Question 2b on reported cases of female on female assaults, please note that this information is not held centrally. Information for the Royal Navy is not held in the format requested. However, information held by the Army and the Royal Air Force is presented in the tables below.

### Army

Person Service	Charge Description	Number of Charges				Number of Charges
		2016	2017	2018	2019	
Army	ABH contrary to section 47 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861	~	~	-	-	~
Army	Common assault/battery contrary to section 39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988	10	~	10	~	20
Army	Fighting contrary to section 21(1) of the Armed Forces Act 2006	10	-	~	-	10
Army	Using threatening or disrespectful behaviour towards a superior officer contrary to section 11(2) of the Armed Forces Act 2006	~	~	~	-	~
Army	Using threatening, abusive, insulting or provocative behaviour contrary to section 21(2) of the Armed Forces Act 2006	~	~	~	-	~
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>30</b>

### Royal Air Force

Year	Number of reported female on female assaults
2016	~
2017	~
2018	~
2019 (to 20 March)	-

\*In line with the Department's Rounding policy, figures have been rounded to the nearest 10, though 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.

- Denotes Zero
- ~ Denotes Five or Fewer

In regard to Question 3, the 4 Tier Grading (4TG) system was replaced by the Combined Accommodation Assessment System (CAAS) in April 2016, and due to the differences in the way they are categorised, the Department is unable to provide a comparison between the two. However, we are able to provide the 4TG scores for the properties that are the responsibility of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) as at end of March 2016 and the current CAAS band totals as of 13 March 2019, seen below:

4TG: (as of end March 2016)  
Standard for Condition (SfC)  
SfC 1 – 4931  
SfC 2 – 1083  
SfC 3 – 18  
SfC 4 – 0  
Not recorded = 2126

Grade for Charge  
Grade 1 = 2455  
Grade 2 = 2468  
Grade 3 = 1089  
Grade 4 = 2143  
Not Recorded = 3

CAAS: (As of 13 March 2019)  
Decent Homes Standard (DH)  
DH+ = 7274  
DH = 1066  
DH- = 145  
Not Recorded = 74

Band for Charge  
A = 1150  
B = 1966  
C = 1925  
D = 1014  
E = 377  
F = 1946  
G = 104  
H = 3  
I = 0  
Not Recorded = 74

In regard to Question 4, if a medical team decides that the SLA or SFA cannot meet the needs of the Service person, then the individual's Unit would arrange for the accommodation to be adapted. The Department is unable to provide anticipated costs of altering SLA and SFA suitable for injured personnel returned to their Unit. Each adaptation is unique to that individual, therefore these costs are not forecasted.

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 [CIOFOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIOFOI-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,

Defence People Secretariat FOI