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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 May in which you requested the following information:

the number of troops forced to resign their positions from the Army as a result of criminal convictions from January 2016 to date [24 May 2019].

I would like to know the service from which they were dismissed and a brief summary of the reasoning.

For example:

January 2016 - Army private - sexual assault conviction.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and has been provided below. However, some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at sections 40 (Personal Data) and 21 (information accessible by other means), and has been withheld. Section 40 and section 21 are absolute exemptions and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Information on the number of dismissals from the Army resulting from sentencing at Court Martial has been withheld under section 21 (information accessible by other means) please see below for further advice.

Information on the numbers and ranks of Army personnel who were awarded an AGAI 67 Major Administrative Action Sanction of 'Termination of Service' between 1 January 2016 and 24 May 2019 inclusive, as a result of being convicted at Civil Court are shown in the table below. Further information has been withheld under S40 (Personal information).

Please note that these figures are single service estimates and are not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics. Figures have been rounded to 10 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality. Totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts. "-" denotes zero or rounded to zero.

Year Sanction Awarded	Number of Army Personnel
2016	80
2017	90
2018	60
2019	30
Total	250

Substantive Rank	Number of Army Personnel
Pte	160
LCpl	40
Cpl	20
Sgt	10
SSgt	10
WO2	-
WO1	-
Lt	-
Capt	-
Maj	-
Lt Col	-
Col	-
Total	250

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the information held on Court Martial results is published at the following weblink which is updated on an annual basis:

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

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

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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