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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Thank you for your email of 27 October in which you asked for the following information:

- 1. The number of service personnel who have been sent to the Military training Corrective Centre since 2010 - if possible I would also like a breakdown of offences.
2. The number of serving personnel given custodial sentences in civilian prisons since 2010. I would also like a breakdown of offences if possible.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds this information. Some of the information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. Part 2 of your request has been interpreted as serving personnel given custodial sentences in civilian prisons at court martial. Court Martial results from 2010 onwards are published at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/court-martial-results-from-the-military-court-centres. Information published shows whether the Court Martial sentences included imprisonment (at a civilian court) or detention (at the Military Corretive Training Centre (MCTC)). A Court Martial may return a sentence including discharge as well as imprisonment. When a service person is sentenced to imprisonment the Armed Forces will consider whether or not to retain them, but the strong likelihood is that they will be discharged.

The information requested at part one of your request is below.

The table below shows the number of admissions to MCTC of those sentenced to detention and the breakdown of offences from 2012 to 2018. Prior to 2012 all information held is paper based, therefore it was not possible to break down the number of offences for those years. The number of detainees was 1072 in 2010 and 1002 in 2011.

Table notes

- These figures are single service estimates and are not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics.
• The figures below do not include Detainees Not Under Sentence or their offences

- Offence figures will not match the number of detainees as service personnel may be there due to more than one offence.

SENTENCED TO SERVICE DETENTION (CM & SUMMARY)							
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Admissions	616	454	355	347	297	265	256
AWOL/DESERTION	381	269	323	310	248	148	166
DISHONESTY	63	35	35	72	43	56	35
DISOBEDIENCE	25	43	20	50	29	42	67
DRUGS	12	9	5	7	24	15	9
DRUNKENESS	12	8	3	9	7	9	22
SEXUAL	7	14	14	30	29	19	21
ON DUTY	53	21	16	37	13	34	33
VIOLENCE	106	86	97	110	119	85	82
NOT ON DUTY	15	3	9	13	5	16	9
MISC	8	11	9	20	14	6	9

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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