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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 12 June 2020 requesting the following information:

***"It has been reported that 500 postmasters across the UK have been prosecuted and criminalised due to a fault software system by Post Office.***

***Several cases are currently being overturned, I am particularly interested in finding out how many postmasters who have been victims of this scandal are from the BAME community.***

***Please respond as soon as possible with these statistics and a statement to support this."***

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below.

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No MOD personnel involved in providing Post Office counter services to overseas defence community personnel via British Forces Post Office locations have been/or are involved in historic Post Office Ltd fraud prosecutions.

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 [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-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