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Dear

Mr

Thank you for your email of 28 February 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

1. "Specific to 38 (Irish) Brigade civilian workforce Total numbers of disciplinary cases conducted upon civilian staff involving vexatious or false allegations.

I would like the above information to be provided to me as electronic copies via email. If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary".

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

However, before a search can be conducted to confirm if information in scope of your request is held, the MOD requires further information. Please could you confirm the timescale you would like the information for, for example, the last Financial or Calendar Year.

Once you have clarified this, I will be happy to consider your request again.

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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk</u>). 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 Business Services Secretariat