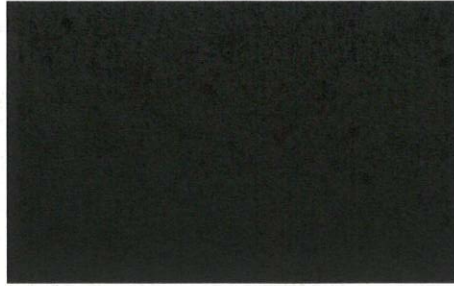




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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 November 2020 in which you requested the following information:

'Do the Promotions boards have sight of any individuals future Courts Martial appearances who could have been promoted on that board? If so, why? As there is no outcome and yet the mere fact that the promotions board have been made aware of an impending Courts Martial, the individual is not guilty until proved otherwise and so shouldn't make a difference.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In response to your request, I can confirm that neither the Officers nor Ratings Promotion Boards have sight of an individual's future Court Martial appearances.

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). 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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