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Dear Margaret,

Thank you for your email of 3rd August 2013 requesting the following information:

"Since FOIA inception please advise:- Refusals under Section 12 -Will exceed the FOI Cost Limit- MOD has relied on."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I can confirm that the MOD holds information in scope of your request.

This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is published annually on the Ministry of Justice website, and so is reasonably accessible to you by other means. Statistics covering 2005 can be found here:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110322191207/http://www.dca.gov.uk/foi/imp/preparep05.pdf>

Statistics covering the period 2006 – 2009 can be found at:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110322191207/http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/freedomofinformationquarterly-archive.htm>

Statistics covering the period 2010 – 2012 can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/earlier-editions-statistics-on-implementation-in-central-government-earlier-editions-in-the-series>

Statistics covering the period Jan – Mar 2013 can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/series/government-foi-statistics>

Under the Section 16 duty to assist and advise under FOIA I wish to advise you that the statistics for refusals under Section 12 for the remainder of 2013 will also be published at the fourth and final link provided above.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal

resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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