



CAROLINE AIRLEY

By email: request-540635-4258c99c@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear CAROLINE AIRELY

I refer to your request where you asked:

'This request relates to investigations undertaken internally following complaints and allegations of criminal acts and misconduct by Civil Servants in the past, plus in recent times. The nature of complaints and allegations to comprise sexual misconduct and crimes against other Civil Servants of all grades.'

Please provide information for all years covered by the FOI Act as follows;

- 1) How many internal investigations were undertaken by departments in relation to allegations and complaints made for all years covered by the FOI Act?*
- 2) How many Civil Servants were dismissed, or subject to disciplinary action, as a result of these investigations?*
- 3) Were any Civil Servants subject of more than one complaint, or allegation? What steps were taken to ensure safety of staff if this was the case? For all years covered by the FOI Act.*
- 4) Were any Civil Servants accused of violence, fraud, demanding money with menaces, or deception?*
- 5) How many cases were completed and no action taken against the person under investigation.*

This request is being made in view of a former Inspector of Taxes who preyed on women for years. His conduct included criminal offences towards women of a sexual

nature, plus violence to women, demanding money with menaces and deception. Despite there being ample evidence available, he was allowed to continue in his criminal conduct for years with the result that numerous women suffered the consequences. When one complaint was investigated internally the Investigating officer told the complainant, "This isn't the first time this has happened but now it has been decided something must be done". Despite being subjected to sexual conduct of a criminal nature, violence and having been coerced into parting with money, the complainant was later subjected to harassment by her employing department. The perpetrator was demoted to a lower grade and had a disciplinary transfer. This was unacceptable then and now. It is known that many men engaged in criminal offences of a sexual nature and were allowed to behave like this without censure.'

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held centrally by the Cabinet Office.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

Eirian Walsh Atkins
Cabinet Office
70 Whitehall
London
SW1A 2AS

email: foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Brown', written on a light blue background.

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