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Dear Mr Jackson

Thank you for your correspondence dated 8 August, in which you requested the following information:

I write to ask if the MOD is the relevant department which holds information on Reinstatement Committees ("RC") constituted under section 8, and Umpires and Assessors under section 9 of the Reseve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Act 1985?

If so, would you be able to provide the following information:

- (1) Statistics for the years in which they are held relating to:
- (i) The number of applications made under sections 3 or 7 of the 1985 Act as the case may be,
- (ii) the number of cases determined at a hearing or otherwise.
- (iii) in the case of applications under section 3 whether or not reinstatement was ordered under section 8 (2) (a) in decided cases, and (iv)in all decided cases whether or not an order was made under section 8 (2) (b);
- (2) The number of oral hearings for the years in which figures are held;
- (3) The number of, and locations where, RCs holds oral hearings;
- (4) Who has been appointed to the various positions in schedule 2 to the 1985 Act;
- (5) How appointments under schedule 2 are made and advertised (if appropriate);
- (6) Where decisions made by either the RC or Umpires are available from and the process by which they may be obtained.

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, and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (advice and assistance) you may find be helpful to contact the reinstatement committees for further information, their address is below:

Reinstatement Committees Employment Policy Team 3rd Floor Alexander House 14 -22 The Parsonage Manchester M3 2JA

Tel: 0161 833 6316

www.employmenttribunals.gov.uk

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-FOxxxx@xxx.xx). 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,

Defence Personnel Secretariat