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Dear Iain Overton

I refer to your request where you asked:

*"I understand that Mr Mercer MP, in his role as Minister for Veterans' Affairs in the Cabinet Office, has vowed to end what he calls 'vexatious historical prosecutions'.*

*Within the reasonable limits of the funding allocated by FOI, can I ask, please, for you to provide me with the evidence available to Mr Mercer that details what these so-called 'vexatious historical prosecutions' are.*

*I cannot imagine that a Minister of Mr Mercer's standing would speak of prosecutions as being 'vexatious' without substantive evidence of these being so, and so I would like to see the evidence submitted to him in his role as Minister that shows such prosecutions in this light."*

I would firstly like to apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

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 by the Cabinet Office.

You may wish to try contacting the Ministry of Defence at this link: [cio-foi@mod.gov.uk](mailto:cio-foi@mod.gov.uk), who may be able to help you with your request.

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:

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eirian Walsh Atkins', is written over a light grey circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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