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Dear Mr Mantle,

Thank you for your email of 23 July in which you requested the following information:

*"Please can I have: 1) a copy of your whistleblower policy 2) how many times this policy has been used in your department since 01/01/11".*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and I apologise for the time it has taken to reply. A search for the information has now been completed, and I can confirm that information is held which falls within the scope of your request.

Please refer to an attached copy of the MOD's whistleblowing policy. The policy came into force on 7 September 2015. Since that time the number of enquiries (as at 23 July 2016) that have been accepted as falling within scope of the policy and logged by the Confidential Hotline is 76.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat