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Dear Grace Tenison,

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE'S COUNTER-FRAUD ACTIVITIES

Thank you for your email dated 07 July 2026, requesting the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I request the following information concerning criminal prosecutions arising from the Ministry of Defence's counter-fraud activities:

- 1. The total number of cases referred by the Ministry of Defence, MoD Police, or Fraud Defence to the Crown Prosecution Service in each financial year from 2020-21 to 2024-25.**
- 2. Of those referrals, the number that resulted in a prosecution, in each of those years.**
- 3. The number of convictions secured in each of those years.**
- 4. Whether any cases have been referred to the Serious Fraud Office in the same period and if so, how many.**
- 5. Whether legal advice was sought from external counsel before any of these referrals and if so, from whom.**

We are treating this as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for information has now been completed and the Ministry of Defence does hold information in scope of your request.

The data provided below is presented in calendar years as this is how its recorded.

- 1. The total number of cases referred by the Ministry of Defence, MoD Police, or Fraud Defence to the Crown Prosecution Service in each financial year from 2020-21 to 2024-25.**

Referrals are managed by the Ministry of Defence Police.

2020 – 2

2021 – 2

2022 – 0

2023 – 2
2024 – 3
Total – 9

2. Of those referrals, the number that resulted in a prosecution, in each of those years.

2020 – 2
2021 – 2
2022 – 0
2023 – 1
2024 – 3
Total – 8

Please note that one case is still to be heard at court.

3. The number of convictions secured in each of those years.

2020 – 2
2021 – 1
2022 – 0
2023 – 1
2024 – 3
Total – 7

4. Whether any cases have been referred to the Serious Fraud Office in the same period and if so, how many.

No information held.

5. Whether legal advice was sought from external counsel before any of these referrals and if so, from whom.

No information held.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat