

Dear Mr Dxxx xx

Your request for information – Case No PS 18-09-2008-072328-003

Thank you for your e-mail request for information (above reference) where you ask how many people working for the Ministry of Defence have attended training courses organised by Common Purpose. The figures supplied are for civilian staff only as we have no record of Service staff attending such courses.

The figure is 39 staff, mainly Senior Civil servants and members of the Fast Stream. The figure is from 2003 onwards. I regret that we are unable to provide the names of the attendees.

If you are unhappy 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 Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MoD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB; e-mail Info-XD@mod.uk Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within two calendar months of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy 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 the case until the 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.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely
John Harper