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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your letter dated 3 June 2011, which has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It has been passed to my department and I have been asked to respond. First let me apologise for the time it has taken to reply.

You requested:

**“Please provide details of the numbers of servicemen who have been:  
 A) Disciplined and B) Discharged from the services for steroid or supplement misuse. Please provide these figures for each year, from 2001 to the present day. Please provide details of rank, regiment and ages for those cases.”**

I have been able to provide the following information:

**ROYAL NAVY**

Table 1 - Personnel who have been disciplined and served a period of detention:

Year	Number of Servicemen	Rank	Ship	Age	Type of Drug
2004	1	Seaman Able/bodied	HMS Nelson	Not Known	Possession of Nandrolone & Testosterone
2009	1	Seaman Able/bodied	HMS Excellent	29	Lorazepam

Table 2 - Personnel who have been discharged from Service:

Year	Number of Servicemen	Rank	Ship/Unit	Age	Type of Drug
2009	2	Not Known	45 Cdo	Not Known	Possession of Steroids
2010	1	Not Known	HMS Cumberland	23	Possession of Steroids
2010	3	Naval Servicemen	Not Known	Not Known	1 Possession of Nandrolone 1 Possession of Dianabol 1 Possession of Stanozolo
2011	1	Naval Servicemen	Not Known	Not Known	1 Possession of Nandrolone

## **ARMY**

I am unable to provide any figures for the Army as the information recorded is not held in the format requested.

The Army do not record figures for personnel disciplined or dismissed from the Army for drug use by drug type. Between 2007 and 2009, 2153 Army personnel were discharged for drugs related offences. The individual records for all of these offences would need to be scrutinised to provide the figure for discharges by type of drug. The same manual search would have to be conducted for all those who have been disciplined for drug related offences.

## **ROYAL AIR FORCE**

Since February 09 there have been no RAF Service personnel disciplined for Steroid or supplement misuse.

For the same period 1 RAF Serviceman holding the rank of Junior Technician, aged 27, was discharged from the Service for the misuse of steroids.

RAF disciplinary and discharge details prior to February 09 are not held centrally, this is due to a new database being introduced in the February. Historical information prior to this date was incompatible and could not be transferred. However, Compulsory Drugs Testing (CDT) details are held centrally by the Army for all 3 Services and I can confirm that since 2001 no RAF Service personnel have been disciplined or discharged from the RAF following a positive CDT (the discharge referred to above was not as a result of a positive CDT).

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

DCDS Personnel & Training Secretariat

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