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Minister for Defence People and Families

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Dear Kenny,

I write to apologise for an error in my answer to a recent parliamentary question you asked concerning investigations into service personnel's suspected engagement in transactional sex in Kenya.

In my response of 9 May 2024 to your Question 22404 I gave you the wrong information. The correct response should have been:

“24 incidents of service personnel's suspected engagement in transactional sex in Kenya have completed investigation since July 2022, none of which have been proven.

This figure is based on information recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system in relation to non-criminal investigations. JPA is a live system which is updated for retrospective complaints/allegations as well as to remedy any data entry errors, therefore, data can be subject to change.

The figures provided are single Service estimates based on data which is not gathered for statistical purposes or subject to the same level of scrutiny as official statistics produced by Defence Statistics. The figures provided are based on a manual search to determine the records in scope and may therefore be subject to data quality issues affecting their accuracy.”

As you may remember, the answer to your question was delayed. Unfortunately, an administrative error then led to the release of an incomplete version of the response which did not cover the full scope of the information you had requested.

I have asked the Department to ensure that measures are in place to ensure this type of error is not repeated.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the library of the House.



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