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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DUTIES.**

I refer to your e-mails of 19 January 2016, which we acknowledged on 20 January 2016.

We are dealing with your e-mails of 19 January 2016, as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your e-mail of 23 October 2015, you requested:

- Q1. *Can MOD police officers patrol the roads in vehicles? If so what vehicles do they drive?*
- Q2. *What duties do MOD police officers undertake? Do they still do the job of a normal police officer?*
- Q3. *Can they take part in raids/searches? If so, what criminals do they do it on?*
- Q4. *What are the main crimes the MODP look out for and respond too?*
- Q4. *Can they carry guns at all time?*
- Q5. *What is the MOD police's role?*
- Q6. *Can you upgrade to become a Specialist Firearms Officer?*
- Q7. *MODP Criminal Investigation Department investigate?*
- Q8. *What firearms do MOD police officers carry?*
- Q9. *Can the MODP CID detectives carry guns? If so, what type of guns?*

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

*Q1. Can MOD police officers patrol the roads in vehicles? If so what vehicles do they drive?*

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) is a civilian Police force funded by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) to protect and secure key MOD assets from armed attack or the threat of attack. Some of those assets are nuclear and require the highest possible degree of protection. Generally, MDP will patrol in vehicles on the MOD estate.

The MDP operate the following vehicles:

FORD CONNECT 240 LWB
FORD FOCUS EDGE TDCI 95 ESTATE
FORD FOCUS ESTATE
FORD GALAXY
FORD MONDEO EDGE TDCI ESTATE
FORD TRANSIT 470 ELWB BASE PANEL VAN
FORD TRANSIT CUSTOM 310 ECO-TECH PANEL VAN
FORD TRANSIT CUSTOM 310S
MITSUBISH SHOGUN SG2 DI-D LWB AUTO
MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER GX 2 DI-D ESTATE
MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER GX 2 DI-D ESTATE
MITSUBISHI SHOGUN LWB 3.2 DI-DC S 5 DOOR ESTATE
MITSUBISHI SHOGUN LWB 3.2 DI-DC SG2 AUTO
MITSUBISHI SHOGUN SG2 DI-D LWB AUTO
MITSUBISHI SHOGUN SG2 DI-D LWB AUTO ESTATE
VOLVO S80 AUTHORITIES D4 AUTO 4DOOR SALOON
VOLVO XC70 AUTHORITIES D5 AWD AUTO ESTATE

*Q2. What duties do MOD police officers undertake? Do they still do the job of a normal police officer?*

MDP perform the same duties as their Home Office local police force and Police Scotland colleagues on the MOD estate.

*Q3. Can they take part in raids/searches? If so, what criminals do they do it on?*

MDP do conduct entry and search operations in respect of MOD assets and interests.

*Q4. What are the main crimes the MODP look out for and respond too?*

MDP will investigate crimes that impact significantly on the Department.

*Q4. Can they carry guns at all time?*

The majority of MDP officers are armed whilst on duty.

*Q5. What is the MOD police's role?*

The MDP provide a full civilian policing service to the MOD.

*Q6. Can you upgrade to become a Specialist Firearms Officer?*

All recruits to MDP are required to pass a firearms module as a part of the recruitment process.

*Q7. MODP Criminal Investigation Department investigate?*

MDP CID investigate crimes that impact significantly on the Department.

*Q8. What firearms do MOD police officers carry?*

MDP officers are issued with Heckler & Koch MP7, SA 80 L85A2 or Diemaco C8 rifles and the SIG P229 pistol.

*Q9. Can the MODP CID detectives carry guns? If so, what type of guns?*

MDP CID officers are not routinely armed.

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Yours sincerely

