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By email – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE VETTING.

I refer to your email dated 24th November 2016.

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

In your email of the 24th November 2016 you requested the following information:

- “1. How many staff are currently employed by your force?
2. When was the force vetting policy last updated?
3. How many staff have been vetted under the most recent policy?
4. How many staff employed before the most recent vetting policy was established are still employed by the force and have not yet been vetted under the most recent policy?
5. How many of those are Police Officers?
6. How many are PCSOs?”

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

1. How many staff are currently employed by your force?

As at 31st October 2016 there are 2,758 staff currently employed by the Ministry of Defence (2,549 Ministry of Defence Police Officers and 209 MOD civilian members of staff).

2. When was the force vetting policy last updated?

April 2014

3. How many staff have been vetted under the most recent policy?

540 MDP Police Officers 0 MOD civilian staff (please note: MDP civilian staff are not subject to in-force vetting procedures. This is carried out by the MOD National Security Vetting Service)

4. How many staff employed before the most recent vetting policy was established are still employed by the force and have not yet been vetted under the most recent policy?

2,009 Police Officers
209 civilian staff

5. How many of those are Police Officers?

2,009

6. How many are PCSOs?

No information held. The Ministry of Defence Police do not have PCSO's.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied 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 MOD 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.ico.org.uk>).

Yours sincerely

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