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Dear ████████

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE DOG ATTACKS

I refer to your e-mail dated 16 October 2018, which was acknowledged on the 17 October 2018.

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

In your e-mail you requested the following information:

"1.   **Please disclose the number of attacks by police dogs on innocent bystanders in each of the following financial years:**
• **2013/14**
• **2014/15**
• **2015/16**
• **2016/17**
• **2017/18**
For each year attack please disclose the age of the victim and gender.
2.   **Please disclose the total amount paid in compensation to victims of attacks by police dogs despite being innocent bystanders in each of the following financial years.**
• **2013/14**
• **2014/15**
• **2015/16**
• **2016/17**
• **2017/18**
In each year please state the greatest amount paid to any victim and a brief description of the injuries they suffered.
3.   **Please disclose the number of police dogs that were destroyed in each of the following financial years and the reason why.**

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- **2014/15**
- **2015/16**
- **2016/17**
- **2017/18"**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

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No Information held

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Please see the table below:

Year	Veterinary condition causing unnecessary suffering	Unacceptable risk to safety	Total
2018	4	1	5
2017	4	1	5
2016	4	3	7
2015	10	1	11
2014	6	0	6
2013	3	0	3

Note: The dogs used by the MDP are provided by the Defence Animal Training Regiment (DATR) and are trained to national police standards. At the end of their working lives our dogs are returned to the DATR who make every endeavour to rehome. Any decision to euthanize a dog used by the MDP is therefore made by the DATR who have provided the information.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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