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Date: 20th November 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: RECRUITMENT PATTERNS.

I acknowledge receipt of your e-mail of 7 November 2014, which we are treating as request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your e-mail of 7 November, you requested the following information:

(Would it therefore be possible for you to provide the figures that update your earlier response? The figures you provided extended I think to 31st March 2013. I assume therefore figures to March 31st 2014 are now available.)

- 1) *Can you provide figures for the total number of constables employed by the MDP at the present time*
- 2) *Can you provide figures for the last year recording how many newly recruited constables have been employed*
- 3) *Over the past year can you provide figures that record the number of constables who have left the MDP and the reason for their departure i.e. resignation, retirement etc*
- 4) *For each of those posts to which a constable was appointed, that is taken on by the MDP, this past year can you say how many applicants there were for each post, including those who were not successful in their application?*

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- 5) *Are you able to provide a breakdown either by age band and/or average age of the individuals who were appointed as constables during this past year?*

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held (for the period 1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014):

- 1) *Can you provide figures for the total number of constables employed by the MDP at the present time*

As at 31st March 2014: 1962

- 2) *Can you provide figures for the last year recording how many newly recruited constables have been employed?*

23 New Entrants from Other Forces (NEOFs) joined the MDP on 17th March 2014

- 3) *Over the past year can you provide figures that record the number of constables who have left the MDP and the reason for their departure i.e. resignation, retirement etc*

REASON	Number
Conduct	1
VERS (Early release)	28
Death in service	1
Ill Health	22
Transfer	7
Resignation	44
Retirement	22
GRAND TOTAL	125

- 4) *For each of those posts to which a constable was appointed, that is taken on by the MDP, this past year can you say how many applicants there were for each post, including those who were not successful in their application?*

MDP recruit in bulk. Successful applicants are assigned to vacancies at specific locations after recruitment.

- 5) *Are you able to provide a breakdown either by age band and/or average age of the individuals who were appointed as constables during this past year?*

Age bands were: 26-30: 8
31-35: 2
36-40: 3
41-45: 5
46-50: 5

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 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.gov.uk>).

Yours sincerely

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