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[REDACTED]
By email – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: BME OFFICERS

We acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9 March 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 9 March 2016 you requested the following information:

“Question 1

How many BME officers in each of the following ranks do you have within your force

**Constable
Sgt
Inspector
Chief Inspector
Superintendent
Chief Superintendent**

**Detective Constable
Detective Sergeant
Detective Inspector
Detective Chief Inspector
Detective Superintendent
Detective Chief Superintendent**

Question 2

How many of the below officers do you have in your force in each of the following roles

How many of the above number of officers in each of the roles below are BME

Dog Handlers
Mounted Officers
Negotiators
Family Liaison Officers
Traffic Officers
Firearms Officers
Underwater Search Unit
Counter Terrorism
Serious crime departments (By this I mean the department that will investigate serious offending eg murder)
Taser trained ”

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

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Superintendent
Chief Superintendent

Detective Constable
Detective Sergeant
Detective Inspector
Detective Chief Inspector
Detective Superintendent
Detective Chief Superintendent

Substantive Grade Description	Other Ethnicity
Chief Inspector (Police)	<=5
Chief Superintendent (Police)	None recorded
Constable (Police)	32
Inspector (Police)	<=5
Sergeant (Police)	8
Superintendent (Police)	None recorded

** <=5 less than or equal to 5

We are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act.

Please note, it is not mandatory for Ministry of Defence Police officers to record BAME characteristics. Therefore, the figures given only represent those that have made the necessary declarations. The MDP Diversity and Inclusion Group are working on encouraging staff to complete their records.

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No information held. The information is not recorded by these categories.

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.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office