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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: ARMED
POLICING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.**

I acknowledge receipt of your e-mail of 29 October 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 29 October 2014, you requested the following information:

- Number of authorised firearms officers in force as of now
- Number of officers injured or killed on duty by knife or other offensive weapon in the last 5 years
- Number of officers injured or killed on duty by gunfire in the last 5 years
- Number of incidents, over the last 5 years, requiring an armed response
- Target response time for a firearms response to a call
- Number of offenders shot by armed MOD police officers during an incident in the past 5 years

As I believe all MDP officers are trained in use of firearms please can you also provide me with the cost to train and equip (with firearm) a new MDP recruit.

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

- *Number of authorised firearms officers in force as of now*

There are currently 2,342 (two thousand three hundred and forty two) Authorised Firearms officers in the MDP.

- *Number of officers injured or killed on duty by knife or other offensive weapon in the last 5 years*

No information held. No MDP officers have been killed on duty by knife or other offensive weapon in the last five years.

- *Number of officers injured or killed on duty by gunfire in the last 5 years*

No information held. No MDP officers have been killed on duty by gunfire in the past five years.

- *Number of incidents, over the last 5 years, requiring an armed response*

The Ministry of Defence provide a mobile and static armed presence at a number of military locations throughout the United Kingdom. We hold no information relating to incidents where MDP have provided an armed response in the last five years. MDP are not first responders to firearms incidents in Home Department police areas.

- *Target response time for a firearms response to a call*

See response above.

- *Number of offenders shot by armed MOD police officers during an incident in the past 5 years*

No information held. No offenders have been shot by MDP during the past five years.

As I believe all MDP officers are trained in use of firearms please can you also provide me with the cost to train and equip (with firearm) a new MDP recruit.

I can confirm that all MDP recruits are trained in the use of firearms. Firearms is embedded within the overall training architecture of the Force and the firearms trainers, in addition to training new recruits, also undertake continuous training. Therefore the cost of training a new recruit, which is what I believe you are asking for, is not available. I can confirm that the capitation rate for a new recruit is £26,638 per annum. The total cost of the Firearms complement (training and policy) is £3.157m.

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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