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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DRUG TESTS.

I acknowledge receipt of your e-mail of 9 March 2015 which we are treating as request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your e-mail of 9 March 2015, you requested the following information:

"1. The number of drugs tests carried out on officers in your force between Jan 1, 2014, and Dec 31, 2014. Please differentiate between random tests and test arising from intelligence supplied to the force.

2. The number of drugs tests carried out on officers in your force between Jan 1, 2014, and Dec 31, 2014, which were positive i.e. the illegal drugs were detected.

In each case of a positive test please state a) the type of drug(s) detected; b) the rank of the officer c) the outcome of any disciplinary action d) if the test was random or intelligence-led. Please indicate if a crime was recorded in relation to the positive test and the outcome of any criminal investigation.

3. The number of drugs tests carried out on officers in your force between Jan 1, 2013, and Dec 31, 2013. Please differentiate between random tests and test arising from intelligence supplied to the force.

4. The number of drugs tests carried out on officers in your force between Jan 1, 2013, and Dec 31, 2013, which were positive i.e. the illegal drugs were detected.

In each case of a positive test please state a) the type of drug(s) detected; b) the rank of the officer c) the outcome of any disciplinary action d) if the test was random or intelligence-led. Please indicate if a crime was recorded in relation to the positive test and the outcome of any criminal investigation”.

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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154 all of which were random tests.

2. The number of drugs tests carried out on officers in your force between Jan 1, 2014, and Dec 31, 2014, which were positive i.e. the illegal drugs were detected.

No information held. No tests were positive.

In each case of a positive test please state a) the type of drug(s) detected; b) the rank of the officer c) the outcome of any disciplinary action d) if the test was random or intelligence-led. Please indicate if a crime was recorded in relation to the positive test and the outcome of any criminal investigation.

No information held. See 2 above.

3. The number of drugs tests carried out on officers in your force between Jan 1, 2013, and Dec 31, 2013. Please differentiate between random tests and test arising from intelligence supplied to the force.

185 tests carried out, of which 182 were random. 3 intelligence led tests for drugs.

4. The number of drugs tests carried out on officers in your force between Jan 1, 2013, and Dec 31, 2013, which were positive i.e. the illegal drugs were detected.

No information held. No positive tests.

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No information held. See 4 above.

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.org.uk>).

Yours sincerely

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