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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/09564 RFI: 279/16
Date: 10th November 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SUSPENDED STAFF.

I refer to your email dated 26th September 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 the 26th September 2016 you requested the following information:

**“Over the last five calendar years how many staff retired while under suspension or on gardening leave?
What were they suspended for?
What was the total cost of the suspensions?”**

On the 13th October 2016 you clarified your request for information on ‘MDP Officers only’.

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

1. Over the last five calendar years how many staff retired while under suspension or on gardening leave?

Within the last 5 calendar years (01/01/2011 to 31/12/2015) 13 Ministry of Defence Police Officers have retired whilst suspended.

2. What were they suspended for?

Please see table below.

Year Case Recorded	Suspension Reason	No. Officers Retired Whilst Suspended
2011	Alleged theft	1
2011	Alleged fraud	1
2012	Arrested on suspicion of offence under the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009	1
2013	Alleged assault	1
2014	Suspected computer misuse	1
2014	Failure to perform full range of duties	8

3. What was the total cost of the suspensions?

No information held. The Ministry of Defence Police do not record the total cost of suspensions.

It should be noted that MDP Legislation does not prevent Officers resigning whilst under investigation at this time, unlike Home Office regulations on refusing resignations whilst under investigation.

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.

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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