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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI 2015/04256 RFI: 97/15

Date: 24 June 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: OUTSTANDING VACANCIES IN THE MDP AS AT 08 MAY 2015**

I write further to your email dated 08 May 2015 which was acknowledged on 11 May 2015.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In our letter of 28 May 2015 we informed you that we considered it necessary to complete a Public Interest Test (PIT), to determine whether some, or all, of the information sought should be released or withheld.

We have now completed a PIT and concluded that the greater part of the information sought can be released but the detail relating to vacancies by site should be withheld.

Section 26 applies because release of information would be likely to prejudice the capacity, capability or effectiveness of the UK's Armed Forces.

Section 31 (1) applies because release of the information would be likely to prejudice the prevention and detection of crime.

In your email you requested the following information:

**“As of the date of this request please tell me how many outstanding vacancies there are in the MDP, broken down by location if possible.**

**- How many applicants to the current recruitment campaign (which I believe started towards the end of 2013?) have passed the application process been accepted into the force so far?**

**- What locations were these applicant posted to? The geographical area (eg: London, South East etc) is acceptable if specific locations cannot be supplied for any reason.**

**- How many applicants have withdrawn themselves from applying to the MDP upon being posted to AWE Aldermaston or Burghfield?”**

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

**As of the date of this request please tell me how many outstanding vacancies there are in the MDP, broken down by location if possible.**

As at 21 May 2015, there were 118 outstanding vacancies across the following locations; Vulcan, Burghfield, Coulport, Bacton, Easington, Garlogie, St Fergus, Porton Down, Whitehall and Portsmouth.

**How many applicants to the current recruitment campaign (which I believe started towards the end of 2013?) have passed the application process been accepted into the force so far?**

As at 30/04/2015, 261 candidates were offered a contract of employment.

**What locations were these applicant posted to? The geographical area (eg: London, South East etc) is acceptable if specific locations cannot be supplied for any reason.**

Candidates have been posted to Burghfield, Aldermaston, Clyde, Coulport, Porton Down, Menwith Hill, Fylingdales, Portsmouth, Croughton, Shrivenham, Hereford, Northern Ireland, Vulcan, Fairford, Fort Halstead, and Whitehall.

**How many applicants have withdrawn themselves from applying to the MDP upon being posted to AWE Aldermaston or Burghfield?"**

As at 11 May 2015, no applicants have withdrawn because they were offered a posting to AWE Aldermaston or Burghfield,

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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

**MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office**