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By email – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CANNABIS OFFENCES

I refer to your email dated 15 December 2015 which was acknowledged on 16 December 2015.

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

In your email you requested the following information:

“This request relates to the following offences set out in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971:

- i. Possession of Cannabis - s.5(1) of the Act;
 - ii. Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply - s.5(3) of the Act.
1. For each of these two offences separately, please supply the following data broken down by each year a) 2010, b) 2011, c) 2012, d) 2013, e) 2014 and f) 2015 so far:
 - a) The total number of individuals arrested by your force
 - b) The total number of individuals cautioned by your force
 - c) The total number of individuals charged by your force
 2. Please also send copies of all guidance issued to officers relating to Cannabis offences since 1 Jan 2012.”

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

- 1) For each of these two offences separately, please supply the following data broken down by each year a) 2010, b) 2011, c) 2012, d) 2013, e) 2014 and f) 2015 so far:

a. The total number of individuals arrested by your force

No information held. The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) holds no arrest records regarding the above.

For each of these two offences separately, please supply the following data broken down by each year a) 2010, b) 2011, c) 2012, d) 2013, e) 2014 and f) 2015 so far:

b. The total number of individuals cautioned by your force

c. The total number of individuals charged by your force

Please see the table below listing the offences recorded for Possession of Cannabis under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 is Section 5(2). Please note, the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) holds no records in relation to Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply - s.5(3) of the Act.

| Year | No. of offences | Individuals cautioned | Individuals charged | Warnings |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 2010 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 2011 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| 2012 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| 2013 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 2014 | 1 | 1 (youth) | 1 | 0 |
| 2015 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 |

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No information held. The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) adopts the procedures of the local Home Office Police Force.

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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