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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/05241 RFI: 158/16
Date: 14 June 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DATA BREACHES

We refer to your email dated 9 May 2016 which was acknowledged 11 May 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 9 May 2016 you requested the following information:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information:

1. How many employees at your force (including both officers and staff) have been found to have breached data protection rules in the last three years?

(This might, for example, include accessing information for a purpose other than policing, or looking at files they do not have permission to view).

I would like the following information broken down by year for 2012, 2014, and 2015. This relates to the year that the report was made, even if the breach took place in another year.

2. For each case, please state:

- The rank of the individual**
- Any action that was taken**
- Any details of the data breach that you can provide (i.e. the type of information that was searched for). If this is not possible, please exclude from my request.**

3. In addition, I would also like the number of allegations made that were made and dropped due to lack of evidence or complaints that were withdrawn. Please also break down by year.

On the 16 May 2016 you submitted the below clarification:

“Apologies for the typo: The below request should state 2013, 2014 and 2015 - not 2012, 2014, and 2015.”

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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I would like the following information broken down by year for 2013, 2014, and 2015. This relates to the year that the report was made, even if the breach took place in another year.

Year	Number of MDP Officers	Number of cases
2013	0	0
2014	1	1
2015	2	2

Please note more than one officer may be linked to each type of data protection breach.

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- **Any action that was taken**
- **Any details of the data breach that you can provide (i.e. the type of information that was searched for). If this is not possible, please exclude from my request.**

Year Case Recorded	Rank of Officer(s)	Allegation Details	Action Taken
2014	PC x 1	Alleged that officer accessed police information systems without permission	Management Advice
2015	PC x 1	Alleged inappropriate access to police systems	Management Action
2015	PS x 1	Alleged disclosure of personal information to a third party	Management Action

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Year Case Recorded	Rank of Officer(s)	Allegation Details	Action Taken
2013	Insp x 1 PS x 3 PC x 4	Alleged inappropriate access to personal information	Investigated - No case to answer - No action
2014	PS x 1	Alleged inappropriate access to personal information	No Action – Complainant did not respond to communications from force
2014	PC x 1	Alleged that officer accessed police information systems without permission	Investigated - Not proven
2014	PC x 1	Alleged inappropriate access to personal information	Investigated - No case to answer - No action
2015	Insp x 1 PS x 2 PC x 4	Alleged inappropriate access to personal information	Investigated - No case to answer - No action

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, 2nd 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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