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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/08020 RFI: 245/16

Date: 20th September 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:
ORGANISATIONAL CHART AND BUDGET OF THE INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT**

We refer to your email dated 24 August 2016 which was acknowledged on 24 August 2016.

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

In your first email of 28 July 2016 you requested the following information:

“Under the freedom of information act, I would like to request the following information:

- **The organisational charts/structure of the departments in your force that deal with the various types of investigations**
- **The annual budget for these various divisions/units”**

You then clarified your original request on the 24 August 2016 with the below:

“The specific areas of information I’m looking for is to identify the type of named Forensic units the MOD have. I’ve provided a list of examples below, although I’m aware that Law Enforcement Agencies do have variations over and above the one’s I’ve listed, hence asking for “Other”.

As an organisation that works with Law Enforcement Agencies we are keen to understand how these units are structured and the number of employees, civilian and police in each as well as the operational budget for each unit.

- **HTCU – High Tech Crime Unit**
- **CTU – Counter Terrorism Unit**
- **CCU – Cyber Crime Unit**
- **MCU - Major Crime Unit**
- **CEU - Child Exploitation Unit**
- **OCU – Organised Crime Unit**
- **Other – please list**

In addition we would be interested in identifying a list of contracts that are in place and potentially coming up for review in relation to digital forensics.”

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

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) has three forensic units. These are:

Forensics & Photography Department – 2 x Police Officers

Digital Forensics Department – 2 x Police Officers

Major Incident Unit (MIU) – 6 x Police Officers

The Ministry of Defence Police hold no information in regards to the operational budget for each unit. These units are part of a larger overall single budget for the department and does not each have their own budget.

No information is held in regards to digital forensics and contracts. The Ministry of Defence Police have no contracts potentially coming up for review in relation to digital forensics.

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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