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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI 2017/00362 RFI: 09/17  
Date: 24 January 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: HOAX CALLS**

We refer to your email dated 9 January 2017 which was acknowledged on the 11 January 2017.

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:

**“1. How many hoax calls have been reported by your police force in the last three calendar years? Please provide this information broken down by calendar year for 2014, 2015, and 2016. This includes all phone calls to your voice, both emergency and non-emergency.**

**2. Broken down by each year (as above), please also state how many times police response units were dispatched in response to hoax calls.**

**Broken down by each year, how many people were charged?**

**For the calendar year 2016, please provide a list of the hoax calls received – i.e. a brief description of the call**

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

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<b>Year</b>	<b>No of Hoax Calls Reported</b>	<b>How many times a response unit was dispatched?</b>	<b>No of Charges</b>
2014	5	4	0
2015	7	6	0
2016	2	1	0

**“For the calendar year 2016, please provide a list of the hoax calls received – i.e. a brief description of the call”**

Two hoax calls were received in 2016 by the Ministry of Defence Police.

One was an emergency telephone call. A response unit was dispatched but no further action was needed and a crime was not recorded.

One was a request for information where the originator could not initially be identified. No police action was taken and a crime was not recorded.

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, 2<sup>nd</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**