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Date: 3 March 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: COST OF INVESTIGATING PARANORMAL ACTIVITY.**

I refer to your e-mail of 5 February 2016, which we acknowledged on 8 February 2016.

We are dealing with your e-mail of 5 February 2016 as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your e-mail of 5 February 2016, you requested:

- 1) *How many cases were reported to your constabulary that had one of the following items being reported - Aliens, UFO, Werewolf, vampire, magic, any other unknown phenomenon that could be considered occult by your deparment*
- 2) *What was the average cost of investigating these cases*
- 3) *How many officers were assigned to deal with these cases*
- 4) *What guidance or support has the constabulary have about delaing with people who make these claims.*

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence Police, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

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Two "UFO" incidents were reported. The first was considered a malicious communication, and the second involved a person with mental health issues. No further police action was taken on both occasions.

There were three "UFO" incidents. Two involved persons with mental health issues, the third involved a check on a vehicle whose occupants claimed they were "looking for aliens". No police action was taken on all occasions.

No incidents recorded involving occult, paranormal, black magic, werewolves or vampires.

*2) What was the average cost of investigating these cases*

No information held. No costs were recorded.

*3) How many officers were assigned to deal with these cases*

No information held.

*4) What guidance or support has the constabulary have about dealing with people who make these claims.*

No information held.

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 Team, 1st 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.

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Yours sincerely

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