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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/07040 RFI: 215/16  
Date: 9th September 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: INFORMATION REGARDING ANTI-NUCLEAR PROTEST AT AWE BURGHFIELD JUNE 2016.**

I refer to your email dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and our letter to you dated 12<sup>th</sup> 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 email of the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 you requested the following information:

**“This request relates to the policing of the month-long anti-nuclear protest at AWE Burghfield in June 2016. Please can I have the following information:**

- 1. How many extra MOD police officers were deployed to AWE Burghfield to police the protests per day during the month of June 2016 (over and above the usual number of MOD police on shift at AWE Burghfield)?**
- 2. How much did the month long MOD policing operation cost in total for the whole month (cost of extra MOD officers & planning)?**
- 3. Which organisation paid the cost of this MOD policing operation? i.e. did the money come from the MOD or another government department, or AWE plc?**
- 4. Did the MOD, or another government department, or AWE plc pay for, or contribute to, the cost of the external policing operation by Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Constabulary? If so, which department / organisation contributed how much?**

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

In our letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016 we advised you that some of the information in scope of your request may be subject to exemption.

I have completed a public interest test and concluded that the public interest favours not releasing some of this information. I am therefore withholding some of the information (items 1 and 2) in accordance with FOI exemptions Section 26(1) Defence and Section 31(1) Law enforcement.

- Section 26 (1) Defence applies because would be prejudicial to the British Isles and to the capability and effectiveness of the Armed Services, and the National Infrastructure.
- Section 31(1) Law enforcement applies because providing details of would reveal some information that would undermine the security of the AWE Burghfield and the Ministry of Defence Police.

**3. Which organisation paid the cost of this MOD policing operation? i.e. did the money come from the MOD or another government department, or AWE plc?**

The Ministry of Defence paid for the cost of the MOD Policing operation.

**4. Did the MOD, or another government department, or AWE plc pay for, or contribute to, the cost of the external policing operation by Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Constabulary? If so, which department / organisation contributed how much?**

The Ministry of Defence holds no information in regards to payments and costs incurred by Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Constabulary.

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, 1<sup>st</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

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