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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information – Final Response

Further to my letter of 18 February 2015 acknowledging your freedom of information request of the 17 February, it is now possible to make a substantive response to your inquiry.

You asked for the following information:

*“How many breaches of security have there been at Faslane Navy base in the past 5 years? e.g. people gaining access when they should not have done so.
What were the breaches?
What action was taken?
How serious was the breach in each incident?”*

You confirmed in your later e-mail of 17 February that your request was for details of any instances of illegal physical access to the base.

It is confirmed that the MOD does hold information within the scope of your request. We have no records of incidents prior to June 2012. Please see the details below of the only instance of a breach of perimeter security at HMNB Clyde in the period you have requested.

HMNB Clyde (Faslane and Coulport) 2010 - 2014

1. One breach of perimeter security.
2. 19 March 2014 – Security breach - 2 persons arrested for cutting through perimeter fence line.
3. The individuals were arrested and charged.
4. This breach was classed as a major breach of security.

Enhanced security measures were put in place at Clyde HMNB, but for obvious reasons we would not comment on the specifics. The incident posed no threat to the security of personnel or armaments at the base.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you 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, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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 your 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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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