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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing regarding your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) dated 24 October 15. You requested the following information:

"Duty rumour is that the Military Provost Guard Service is getting reduced in man power very soon, please could you first confirm if this is true and if so could possibly give more information in regards to how and when this this will happen"

Further to our letter of 23 November 15, although some information related to your request may have been considered for exemptions under Sections 23 and 35 of the FOIA, further investigation has shown that no information is held that would confirm the rumour that a reduction in size of the MPGS is to take place. I apologise for any confusion or delay in replying to your question.

Under Section 16 (advice and assistance) I can advise that options are being considered that could reduce the Military Provost Guard Service, but no final decisions have been made and therefore no information is available on when or how this will happen. MPGS Guards will be informed where they are affected by developing plans. MOD attaches very high importance to safeguarding its people, information and assets and the MPGS play a significant role in this. We are constantly assessing how we carry out the Department's policing and guarding requirements, and we are particularly focussed on how we can deliver security in a more efficient and productive way, without increasing security risk to the Department.

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.

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Yours sincerely,
Defence Security