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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI 2015/04994 RFI:114/15
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Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MDP APPLICANTS WITH BFPO ADDRESSES

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 2 June 2015.

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:

“Does the MDP have any policy regarding UK residency requirements for non-serving UK residents time spend out of the UK with an UK Armed Forces BFPO address - specifically is a family member considered to be non-resident if they are living abroad with a parent while the parent has a BFPO address (aka following the flag”) and therefore not eligible to join the MDP due to a lack of 5 (10 in some cases) years continuous UK residence.”

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

The current MDP recruitment policy is, if a child has been living with a parent who is serving in the armed forces and there time abroad is easily traceable because of that, they can be counted as having been a resident in the UK.

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, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email 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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