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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/07901 RFI: 239/16
Date: 13th September 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DETAILS OF MDP OFFICERS AT WHITEHALL POLICE STATION.

I refer to your email dated 17th August 2016 which was acknowledged on the 18th 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 17th August 2016 you requested the following information:

“Please supply me with the following information in relation to Police officers based at Whitehall Police station:

- 1) Their full names.**
- 2) Their collar numbers.**
- 3) The type of firearms that they carry.**
- 4) What time they patrol the front of MOD Headquarters.”**

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

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 31(1) Law enforcement and Section 40 (2) Personal Information.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Personal data is defined under Section 1(1)(e) of the DPA98 as “data which relate to a

living individual who can be identified – (a) from those data.

- Section 31(1) law enforcement applies because providing details of would reveal some information that would undermine the security of the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Defence Police at Whitehall.

3) The type of firearms that they carry.

The Ministry of Defence Police at Whitehall use the Heckler & Koch MP7 Personal Defence Weapon and the X26 TASER.

4) What time they patrol the front of MOD Headquarters

Patrols are undertaken as required.

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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