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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/09556 RFI: 282/16
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Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: FIREARMS BUDGET AND INCIDENTS

We refer to your email dated 13 October 2016 which was acknowledged on 17 October 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 13 October 2016 you requested the following information:

- “1 The size of the Ministry of Defence Police annual training budget**
- 2. The number of MoD police officers trained to use firearms**
- 3. The number of times MoD have been forced to open fire in the last 10 -years.**
- 4. The last occasion when a member of the MoD police opened fire.**
- 5. The number of casualties or fatalities that have resulted from an MoD police officers opening fire.**
- 6. The reason why MoD police are armed.”**

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

1 The size of the Ministry of Defence Police annual training budget

The total assigned MDP budget for training and firearms including staff costs is £7.433M for financial year 2016/17.

2. The number of MoD police officers trained to use firearms

As at 24 October 2016, the total number of Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) officers trained to use firearms is 2253.

3. The number of times MoD have been forced to open fire in the last 10 -years.

4. The last occasion when a member of the MoD police opened fire.

5. The number of casualties or fatalities that have resulted from an MoD police officers opening fire.

No information held in regards to questions 3, 4 and 5.

6. The reason why MoD police are armed

MDP have a protective security role contributing to national security.

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, 2nd 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.

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Yours sincerely

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