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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: FASLANE PEACE CAMP.

Thank you for your e.mail of 9 September 2015, which we acknowledged on 10 September 2015. We are dealing with your e.mail as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of information act 20000.

I apologise for the delay in reply.

In your e.mail of 9 September 2015, you requested:

Between the 12th June 2013 and the 12th August 2015, how many arrests of activists associated with the Faslane Peace Camp have been made by MOD police on the Faslane and Coulport facilities.

- *What is the total financial cost associated with these arrests?*
- *Between the 12th June 2013 and the 12th August 2015, how many acts of vandalism have been committed by activists associated the Faslane Peace Camp in or around the Faslane and Coulport facilities.*
- *What is the total financial cost associated with these acts of vandalism.*
- *Between the 12th June 2013 and the 12th August 2015, how many times have MOD Police raided the Faslane Peace Camp.*

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- *What is the MOD Police's protocol for intruders arrested on the Faslane Naval Base?*
- *Does the MOD Police's protocol differ if intruders are found on the Nuclear side of the base? If so, in what way?*
- *Does the MOD have surveillance and recording devices installed in the Faslane Peace Camp?*
- *Do the MOD use airborne drone equipment to survey Loch Long?*
- *What is the MOD protocol regarding the monitoring of radioactivity on both Faslane and Coulport facilities.*

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

Between the 12th June 2013 and the 12th August 2015, how many arrests of activists associated with the Faslane Peace Camp have been made by MOD police on the Faslane and Coulport facilities.

13 arrests in total.

- *What is the total financial cost associated with these arrests?*

No information held. We do not routinely record this information.

Between the 12th June 2013 and the 12th August 2015, how many acts of vandalism have been committed by activists associated the Faslane Peace Camp in or around the Faslane and Coulport facilities.

6 in total.

- *What is the total financial cost associated with these acts of vandalism.*

The cost recorded on the MDP Crime database is £88.13 (eighty eight pounds plus 13p).

Between the 12th June 2013 and the 12th August 2015, how many times have MOD Police raided the Faslane Peace Camp.

No information held. We have not located any records relating to MDP "raiding" Faslane Peace Camp.

- *What is the MOD Police's protocol for intruders arrested on the Faslane Naval Base?*

Incursions onto HMNB Clyde, to include Faslane and Coulport, are arrestable breaches of the Serious and Organised Crime and Procedures Act 2005, Section 129.

Incursions and attempted incursions also constitute an arrestable breach of the Faslane, Coulport and Rhu Narrows 1986 byelaws.

Persons arrested by MoD Police are generally processed in the initial stages within HMNB Clyde. Outcomes from the initial processes include reporting or charging offenders under the relevant legislation. MoD Police reports on matters of criminality are furnished to the

Procurator Fiscal in Dumbarton. In some circumstances it will be judged necessary to transfer detained offenders to Police Scotland facilities for subsequent attendance at Dumbarton Sheriff court.

• Does the MOD Police's protocol differ if intruders are found on the Nuclear side of the base? If so, in what way?

There is no difference either in the application of process or the above legislation.

• Does the MOD have surveillance and recording devices installed in the Faslane Peace Camp?

No.

• Do the MOD use airborne drone equipment to survey Loch Long?

No.

• What is the MOD protocol regarding the monitoring of radioactivity on both Faslane and Coulport facilities.

Facilities that hold radioactive material at both Faslane and Coulport are subject to periodic radiological surveys. These surveys are carried in accordance with the requirements of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999. Measurements of radioactivity in the environment in and around Faslane and Coulport are carried out by the MOD and SEPA and are reported annually in the 'Marine Environmental Radioactivity Surveys at Nuclear Submarine Berths' publication and the 'Radioactivity in Food and the Environment' reports. These reports are available via the internet and provide a detailed explanation of analysis techniques used.

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 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

