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Date: 7 March 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: LASER PEN BEAMS.

I refer to your e-mail of 15 February 2016, which we acknowledged on 16 February 2016.

We are dealing with your e-mail of 15 February 2016 as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your e-mail of 23 October 2015, you requested:

- “1) *The number of incidents involving a laser pen or laser beam in 2014, 2015 and 2016.*
- 2) *That information broken down into the date of the incident and a brief description of what occurred”.*

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

- 1) *The number of incidents involving a laser pen or laser beam in 2014, 2015 and 2016.*
- 2) *That information broken down into the date of the incident and a brief description of what occurred.*

The following incidents have been recorded in the MDP Command & Control system:

Inc Date	Description
30/03/2014	Report of boat crew being targeted by a laser light / pen whilst navigating the Gareloch near South Approach road Slip and that the laser light had come from residential accommodation in the area.
16/04/2014	Report from a pilot landing at Brize Norton of someone shining a laser beam at them. They believe it is the area of the Lakes, Letchlade.
13/04/2015	Report from the Air Traffic Control at Lakenheath that one of the planes had been lasered while in flight. They report it happened approx 200 miles away from Lakenheath. No exact details passed.
22/08/2015	Report from RN Vessel that a laser beam was being shone at them from the direction of Porchester.
24/11/2015	Information received regarding a laser being directed at a helicopter at Lakenheath.
27/12/2015	Information from port control who have been lit up by a high powered laser beam, believed to be coming from flats at Salamanker drive. Person has described the flats that he believes it is coming from.
28/01/2016	Report of a laser light being directed at traffic in the area of Granby Green in Devonport PLYMOUTH. The light appeared to come from a flat in Marlborough House.
03/02/2016	Report of person or persons unknown shining a laser light into the bridge of the Isle Of Wight Ferry. Causing a navigational hazard.

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

[Redacted Signature]