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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI 2015/05193 RFI: 126/15
Date: 17 June 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MDP POLICY FOR ETHNIC MONITORING

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11 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:

“Are Gypsies and Irish Travellers monitored as standard policy in your police force?

If not, please explain why your police force does or does not monitor Gypsies and Irish Travellers?

How many police officers are self declared either as Romany Gypsy or Irish Traveller in your force?”

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

Are Gypsies and Irish Travellers monitored as standard policy in your police force?

No.

If not, please explain why your police force does or does not monitor Gypsies and Irish Travellers?

MDP do not, within its statutory policing jurisdiction, and policing strategy, routinely come into contact with this population group either from a community policing or crime perspective. To monitor a particular group of people based on their values and race would be illegal.

How many police officers are self declared either as Romany Gypsy or Irish Traveller in your force?"

3 MOD police officers have self declared they are of the ethnicity 'Gypsy or Irish traveller'.

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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