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[REDACTED]  
By email – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: ENCRYPTED COMPUTERS, PHONES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES SEIZED AND DECRYPTED FOR 2015.**

We refer to your email dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and our reply on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 in regards to your Freedom of Information request.

In your reply email of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 you requested the following information from your request of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 but limited to the 2015 calendar year.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

**“How many encrypted computers, phones or other electronic devices has the agency seized in the calendar year 2015. Please breakdown these figures annually, and breakdown them by type of device (i.e., iPhone, Android phone, laptop, etc).**

**Of that total number of devices, how many was the agency able to decrypt or otherwise access the contents of? Please breakdown these figures annually, and breakdown them by type of device (i.e., iPhone, Android phone, laptop, etc). If the agency sent the devices to another agency for decryption, please indicate this as well.**

**Of that total number of devices, how many was the agency unable to decrypt or otherwise access the contents of? Please breakdown these figures annually, and breakdown them by type of device (i.e., iPhone, Android phone, laptop, etc). If the agency sent the devices to another agency for decryption, please indicate this as well.”**

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

- 1. How many encrypted computers, phones or other electronic devices has the agency seized in the calendar year 2015. Please breakdown these figures annually, and breakdown them by type of device (i.e., iPhone, Android phone, laptop, etc**

From January 2015 to date the Ministry of Defence Police have seized 3 items of encrypted hardware.

1x Laptop Computer  
1x USB Memory Stick  
1x External hard disk drive

- 2. Of that total number of devices, how many was the agency able to decrypt or otherwise access the contents of? Please breakdown these figures annually, and breakdown them by type of device (i.e., iPhone, Android phone, laptop, etc). If the agency sent the devices to another agency for decryption, please indicate this as well.**

The Ministry of Defence Police did not decrypt or access the contents of any of the total number of devices seized in question 1.

- 3. Of that total number of devices, how many was the agency unable to decrypt or otherwise access the contents of? Please breakdown these figures annually, and breakdown them by type of device (i.e., iPhone, Android phone, laptop, etc). If the agency sent the devices to another agency for decryption, please indicate this as well.”**

The Ministry of Defence Police was unable to decrypt or access the contents of all of the total number of devices seized in question 1.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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

**MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office**