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Date: 11 November 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: FUNDING.

I refer to your e-mail of 30 October 2015, which we acknowledged on 2 November 2015.

We are treating as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your e-mail of 30 October 2015, you requested:

“How much the yearly budget of the MDP is -A breakdown of where this funding comes from -Who has control over the use and geographical positioning of MDP resources”

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

The budget for the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) is £133M for financial year 2015/16. The Chief Constable, MDP retains operational command and control of his officers, deployment of officers is agreed with the Ministry of Defence and other stakeholders.

The greater share of the MDP budget is appropriated through the overall Defence budget. A smaller sum is generated from external customers purchasing policing services from the MDP.

Regarding the “A breakdown of where this funding comes from” element of the request,

We have completed a Public Interest Test (PIT) and whilst we accept that the public may be interested where the MDP funding comes from, we have concluded that the public interest strongly favoured engaging the exemption and withholding the information.

- Section 31 applies because releasing detailed funding information would enable better estimating of policing cover available at specific sites, which would be likely to prejudice law and order at those locations.

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

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