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Date: 8 February 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: FIR9 ARMS OFFICERS.**

I acknowledge receipt of our e-mail of 15 January 2016, which we are dealing with as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your e-mail of 15 January 2015, you requested:

- a) *The number of incidents of firearms use (excluding those only involving tasers) by officers across your police force for each of the past eight years (that is, since and including 2007/08).*
- b) *The number of firearms officers (excluding those only trained on tasers) actually deployed across your police force for each of the past eight years (since and including 2007/08)*
- c) *The number of firearms officers trained to use firearms (excluding those only trained to use tasers) across your police force for each of the past eight years (since and including 2007/08).*
- d) *Information, should it exist, on any official figures for the number of trained firearms officers that your police force would like to achieve (excluding taser-only training) in the future.*

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.

The MDP is a civilian Police force funded by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) to protect and secure key MOD assets from armed attack or the threat of attack. Some of those assets are nuclear and require the highest possible degree of protection.

Please note that all new recruits are required to complete and pass a firearms module before joining the Force.

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No information held. None.

b.) *The number of firearms officers (excluding those only trained on tasers) actually deployed across your police force for each of the past eight years (since and including 2007/08)*

No information held from 2007/2008 until 2010/2011.

Financial Year	Firearms Officers
2012/13	2,297
2013/14	2,069
2014/15	2,095
2015/16	2,175

c.) The number of firearms officers trained to use firearms (excluding those only trained to use tasers) across your police force for each of the past eight years (since and including 2007/08).

Please see above

d.) *Information, should it exist, on any official figures for the number of trained firearms officers that your police force would like to achieve (excluding taser-only training) in the future.*

No information held. We do not know the precise number of officers that will be recruited or deployed in the future years. However, all new recruits will be firearms trained and initially posted into Authorised Forearms Officer (AFO) roles.

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](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

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