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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DATA FROM THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT REGARDING POLICE OFFICERS CHARGED AND CONVICTED

I refer to your email dated 5 August 2015 which was acknowledged on 6 August 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:

- "1) For each of the last five calendar years since January 2010, please provide a figure from the data collected by your Professional Standards Department for the number of officers in your force who received a criminal conviction while at your force.
- 2) For each of those, please provide
- a) the Home Office classification code for each offence they were convicted for (see here)
- b) the calendar year the offence(s) took place
- c) the rank of the officer
- d) whether the officer remains in post today
- 3) For each of the last five calendar years since January 2010, please provide a figure from the data collected by your Professional Standards Department for the number of police officers in your force who were charged with an offence while in your force but who resigned or retired prior to their trial.
- 4) For each of those, please indicate
- a) whether they received permission from your force to resign / retire
- b) the calendar year the officer was charged
- c) the Home Office classification code for each offence they were convicted for (see here)
- d) the rank of the officer."

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

1) For each of the last five calendar years since January 2010, please provide a figure from the data collected by your Professional Standards Department for the number of officers in your force who received a criminal conviction while at your force.

Year	Number of officers who received a criminal conviction
2010	0 officer
2011	5 officers
2012	2 officers
2013	2 officers
2014	1 officer
2015	1 officer convicted for a case recorded in 2014

- 2) For each of those, please provide
- a) the Home Office classification code for each offence they were convicted for (see here)
- b) the calendar year the offence(s) took place
- c) the rank of the officer
- d) whether the officer remains in post today

No information held in relation to 2a. The MDP Professional Standards Department (PSD) do not record Home Office classification codes; these will have been recorded by the relevant Home Office force who dealt with the offence.

Year of offence (b)	Rank of officer (c)	In post today (d)
2010	Constable	Yes
2008-2011	Constable	No
2011	Constable	No
2011	Constable	No
2012	Constable	No
2012	Constable	No
2013	Constable	Yes
2013	Constable	No
2014	Constable	No

3) For each of the last five calendar years since January 2010, please provide a figure from the data collected by your Professional Standards Department for the number of police officers in your force who were charged with an offence while in your force but who resigned or retired prior to their trial.

Year	Number of officers charged with an offence and resigned or retired prior to trial
2010	2 officers
2011	5 officers
2012	0 officers
2013	1 officer
2014	0 officers

- 4) For each of those, please indicate
- a) whether they received permission from your force to resign / retire
- b) the calendar year the officer was charged
- c) the Home Office classification code for each offence they were convicted for (see here)
- d) the rank of the officer."

No information held in relation to 4a. At present, the MDP (unlike Home Department Police Forces) do not have a legal right to restrict MDP officers from resigning or retiring in the face of a Gross Misconduct case.

No information held in regards to 4c. Please see the explanation at 2a.

Year charged	Officer rank
(b)	(d)
2010	Constable
2011	Constable
2011	Sergeant
2011	Constable
2012	Constable
2012	Sergeant
2012	Constable
2014	Sergeant

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). 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.

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Yours sincerely

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