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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2017/01873 RFI:39/17
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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MOBILE DEVICES AND CYBER ATTACKS

We refer to your email dated 3 February 2017 which was acknowledged on 6 February 2017.

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)How many officers do you have within your constabulary across full time, part time and volunteers?

2)How many devices are connected to central data services from outside of official government buildings? These would use Wifi/Home Broadband/LTE networks for example.

3)What is the breakdown of these devices (Laptops/Smartphones/Tablets etc)

4)How many recorded cyber attacks have you had 2015 and 2016

5)How much cost has been recorded against cyber defence (Prevention, Detection and Response) in the 2015 and then 2016

6)How many of these devices use only SSL (or derivative) security to encrypt data in motion to cloud and other data sources”

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

In our letter of the 27 February 2017 we advised you that some of the information in the scope of your request may be subject to exemption.

Please see responses below:-

“1) How many officers do you have within your constabulary across full time, part time and volunteers?”

As at 31 January 2017, Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) had 2568 officers, full and part time.

2) How many devices are connected to central data services from outside of official government buildings? These would use Wifi/Home Broadband/LTE networks for example.

MDP currently have 223 devices which have the capability to remotely link to the MOD network only.

3) What is the breakdown of these devices (Laptops/Smartphones/Tablets etc)

MDP currently have 201 laptops and 22 Smartphones.

In relation to Questions 4,5 and 6 the Ministry of Defence Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any information relevant to your request as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 24(2) – National security
Section 31(3) – Law enforcement

Sections 24 and 31 are prejudice based qualified exemptions and there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused in confirming or not that the information is held as well as carrying out a public interest test.

I have conducted a public interest test and concluded that the balance strongly favours neither confirming or denying the Ministry of Defence Police holds information.

- Section 24(2) applies because confirming or denying if information is held would be likely to compromise any ongoing or future operations to protect the security or infrastructure of the UK and increase the risk of harm to the public.
- Section 31(3) applies because confirming or denying if information is held would be likely to impact upon law enforcement.

This should not be taken as conclusive evidence that any information that would meet your request exists or does not exist.

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, Ground Floor Zone D, 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

MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office