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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DRONE INCIDENTS

We refer to your email dated 21 April 2017, which was acknowledged on the 21 April 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. For the calendar years 2015 and 2016, and the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017 how many drone related incidents have MOD Police logged, with if possible a breakdown of the nature of the incident, the action taken, and the month it occurred in.**
- 2. For each of the years 2015 and 2016, and in the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017 whether MOD Police has brought any prosecutions relating to drone incidents.”**

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

- 1. For the calendar years 2015 and 2016, and the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017 how many drone related incidents have MOD Police logged, with if possible a breakdown of the nature of the incident, the action taken, and the month it occurred in.**

Please see information at Annex A

2. For each of the years 2015 and 2016, and in the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017 whether MOD Police has brought any prosecutions relating to drone incidents.

No information held. The Ministry of defence Police did not prosecute anyone for drone related offences.

We take the security of the MOD sites we police very seriously and at no time was the security of those sites threatened in any of these incidents.

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

Annex A

		Number of Incidents	Nature of Incident	Action Taken
2015	Jan	0		
	Feb	0		
	Mar	1	Drone Flown in Restricted Area	No Further Action
	Apr	0		
	May	1	Drone Flown in Restricted Area	Words of Advice given
	Jun	1	Drone Flown in Restricted Area	No Further Action
	Jul	0		
	Aug	1	Drone Flown in Restricted Area	No Further Action
	Sep	2	#1 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #2 Drone Flown in Restricted Area	#1 No Further Action #2 Investigation carried out - NFA
	Oct	1	Drone Flown Adjacent to Restricted Area	No Further Action
	Nov	1	Drone Flown in Restricted Area	No Further Action
	Dec	3	#1 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #2 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #3 Drone Found in Restricted Area	#1 Words of Advice #2 No Further Action #3 Investigation carried out - NFA
	Total			11

		Number of Incidents	Nature of Incident	Action Taken
2016	Jan	1	Request to Fly in Restricted Area	Request Denied
	Feb	0		
	Mar	3	#1 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #2 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #3 Drone Flown in Restricted Area	No Further Action
	Apr	3	#1 Request to Fly Drone #2 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #3 Drone Flown in Restricted Area	#1 Words of Advice given #2 No Further Action #3 Words of Advice given
	May	3	#1 Drone Flown Adjacent to Restricted Area #2 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #3 Drone Flown in Restricted Area	#1 Words of Advice given #2 Words of Advice given #3 No Further Action
	Jun	3	#1 Drone Flown Adjacent to Restricted Area #2 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #3 Drone Flown in Restricted Area	#1 No Further Action #2 No Further Action #3 No Further Action
	Jul	2	Drone Flown in Restricted Area	#1 No Further Action #2 No Further Action
	Aug	2	#1 Drone Found #2 Drone on person in Restricted Area	#1 No Further Action #2 No Further Action
	Sep	5	#1 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #2 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #3 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #4 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #5 Drone Flown in Restricted Area	#1 No Further Action #2 No Further Action #3 Words of Advice given #4 No Further Action #5 No Further Action
	Oct	1	Person Seen With Drone (Not Flying) adjacent to a Restricted Area	Words of Advice
	Nov	2	#1 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #2 Drone Flown in Restricted Area	#1 No Further Action given #2 No Further Action given
	Dec	4	#1 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #2 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #3 Drone Flown and lost in Restricted Area #4 Drone Flown and lost in Restricted Area	#1 No Further Action #2 No Further Action #3 Words of Advice given #4 Investigations
	Total			29

		Number of Incidents	Nature of Incident	Action Taken
2017	Jan	1	Information From a Drone Pilot Drone will be Flying Adjacent to Restricted Area	No Further Action as Drone Did Not Fly into Restricted Area
	Feb	2	#1 Drone Flown in Restricted Area #2 Drone Flown in Restricted Area	#1 No Further Action #2 No Further Action
	Mar	3	#1 Information of a Drone Flying Over Restricted Area #2 Drone Flown adjacent to Restricted Area #3 Drone Flown adjacent to Restricted Area	#1 No Further Action #2 No Further Action #3 Words of Advice giv
	Total			6