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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: THEFTS OF ANIMALS

We refer to your email dated 6 June 2017 which was acknowledged on the same day.

We are treating your email/letter as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

- "a) The number of reported thefts of i) dogs, ii) cats, iii) rabbits, iv) all animals, within the police force area, in the each of the last three years for which figures are available;
- b) The number of reports of the poisoning of animals in each of the last three years for which figures are available;
- c) The number of animals reported stolen that were subsequently recovered and returned to their owners in each of the last three years for which figures are available;
- d) The number of special constables used by the force in each of the last three years for which figures are available;
- e) The number of reported thefts by individuals riding on mopeds in each of the last three years for which figures are available;"

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

a) The number of reported thefts of i) dogs, ii) cats, iii) rabbits, iv) all animals, within the police force area, in the each of the last three years for which figures are available;

No Information held

b) The number of reports of the poisoning of animals in each of the last three years for which figures are available;

1 report in 2016 of the deliberate attempted poisoning of a dog in garden.

c) The number of animals reported stolen that were subsequently recovered and returned to their owners in each of the last three years for which figures are available:

No information held

d) The number of special constables used by the force in each of the last three years for which figures are available;

No information held. The Ministry of Defence Police do not employ special constables

e) The number of reported thefts by individuals riding on mopeds in each of the last three years for which figures are available

No information held. There are no reports of thefts by individuals riding on mopeds reported to the MDP in the last three years.

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

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