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By email -

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

We refer to your email dated 14 February 2017 which was acknowledged on the 14 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 of the 14 February 2017 you requested the following information:

"Please send me:

The force's expenditure on legally qualified chairmen for disciplinary hearings in 2015/16.

The force's expenditure on legally qualified chairmen for disciplinary hearings in 2016/17.

The number of disciplinary hearings in which the witnesses did not attend in 2015/16.

The number of disciplinary hearings in which the witnesses did not attend in 2016/17."

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

The force's expenditure on legally qualified chairmen for disciplinary hearings in 2015/16.

No information held.

The force's expenditure on legally qualified chairmen for disciplinary hearings in 2016/17.

No information held.

The number of disciplinary hearings in which the witnesses did not attend in 2015/16.

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) had 3 disciplinary hearings in which the witnesses did not attend in 2015/16.

The number of disciplinary hearings in which the witnesses did not attend in 2016/17.

The MDP had 1 disciplinary hearing in which the witnesses did not attend in 2016/17

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, 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. 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 (<u>http://www.ico.org.uk</u>).

Yours sincerely

MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office