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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: FIREARMS OFFICERS

We refer to your email dated 3 July 2017 which was acknowledged on the same day.

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. The percentage of all your officers (total service strength) who are firearms trained**
- 2. The average percentage of your officers on duty at any one time who are routinely armed**
- 3. The weapons that they carry**
- 4. Who it is that provides MoD Police Officers with their firearms training (i.e. is it 'in-house', or is it supplied by an external training provider, e.g. the Metropolitan Police Service SCO19).”**

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

- 1. The percentage of all your officers (total service strength) who are firearms trained**

85% of the current MDP strength are required to be firearms trained.

- 2. The average percentage of your officers on duty at any one time who are routinely armed**

No information held. The average percentage of MDP officers who are routinely armed varies on a daily basis.

3. The weapons that they carry.

The weapons that may be carried by MDP officers are:

- 9mm Semi-Automatic Pistol.
- 4.6mm Semi-Automatic Carbine.
- 5.56mm Selectable Fire (Semi-Automatic) Rifle.
- 7.62mm Semi-Automatic Rifle.
- 37mm Attenuating Energy Projectile Launcher (baton gun)
- Conductive Electronic Device (Taser)

4. Who it is that provides MoD Police Officers with their firearms training (i.e. is it 'in-house', or is it supplied by an external training provider, e.g. the Metropolitan Police Service SCO19).

All MDP firearms training is provided internally.

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, Zone D, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk).

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Yours sincerely

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