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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MDP VACANCIES

I refer to your email dated 16 November 2017 which was acknowledged on the 17 November 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:

This request concerns the current number of vacancies at inspecting rank in your force.

- 1) **Please state the current number of establishment full time**
 - a) **inspector**
 - b) **chief inspector**

positions in your force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.

- 2) **Please state the current number of establishment full time**
 - a) **inspector**
 - b) **chief inspector**

positions currently filled in you force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.

- 3) **Please state the current number of establishment full time**
 - a) **inspector**
 - b) **chief inspector**

positions currently unfilled in your force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.

This figure should cover all full time roles in your force without a full time staff member in place, so positions covered by temporary staff or staff acting up should be considered unfilled for the purposes of this question.

If you do not have a calculated establishment, please simply give the current number of full time vacancies.

- 4) Please state the number of staff of lower rank currently acting up at the grade of**
 - a) inspector**
 - b) chief inspector**

in your force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.

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). Please see below:-

This request concerns the current number of vacancies at inspecting rank in your force.

- 1) Please state the current number of establishment full time**
 - a) inspector - 89**
 - b) chief inspector - 40**

positions in your force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.

- 2) Please state the current number of establishment full time**
 - a) inspector - 68**
 - b) chief inspector - 37**

positions currently filled in you force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.

- 3) Please state the current number of establishment full time**
 - a) inspector - 21**
 - b) chief inspector - 3**

positions currently unfilled in your force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day. (All posts are anticipated be filled by end 2017).

This figure should cover all full time roles in your force without a full time staff member in place, so positions covered by temporary staff or staff acting up should be considered unfilled for the purposes of this question.

If you do not have a calculated establishment, please simply give the current number of full time vacancies.

- 4) Please state the number of staff of lower rank currently acting up at the grade of**
 - a) inspector**
 - b) chief inspector**

in your force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.

We are unable to confirm 'Acting Up' data as this is a local arrangement as required by operational requirements. Temporary Promotion however has been used to cover approximately 50% of vacancies (detailed at 3 above) on a more formal basis.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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