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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE DOGS

I refer to your email dated 13 November 2017 which was acknowledged on the 14 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:

- "1) Please state the number of police dogs in the service of your police force at the end of each of the following financial years:
- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17
- vi) 2017/18 (providing the figure at 01/10/17)"

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request may be held by the Ministry of Defence police.

Please see the details below:

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i) 2012/13 = 219ii) 2013/14 = 225
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- iii) 2014/15 = 225
- iv) 2015/16 = 218
- v) 2016/17 = 218
- vi) 2017/18 (providing the figure at 01/10/17) = 211

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely

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