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Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your e-mail of 06 March 2018, which was acknowledged on the same day

We are treating your e-mail as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your e-mail you requested the following information:

**“How many officers in your force are currently male/female?
Since January 2014 how many officers have passed initial firearms training through
your force and become authorised firearms officers? How many applied to become
AFOs?”**

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

How many officers in your force are currently male/female?

As at 01/02/2018:

Female – 419
Male – 2352

**Since January 2012 how many officers have passed initial firearms training through
your force and become authorised firearms officers? How many applied to become
AFOs?”**

In the Ministry of Defence Police all student officers are required to qualify as AFOs. Since 2012, 622 recruits have passed initial firearms training.

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

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.

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Yours sincerely

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