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Reply to: [REDACTED]

1 March 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 February 2018 requesting the following information:

*“For each of the service police: RAF Police, Royal Military Police and Royal Navy Police could you provide me with statistics for the following:*

*What were the number of arrests made by each of the service police in the last reporting year?*

*What was the total number of crimes recorded by each service police and by category?”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

I must advise that this request is exempt under Section 12 of the FOI Act because the Military Police ‘Redcap’ software is not configured for searches of arrest data. It would be necessary to examine every investigation file to ascertain the number of individuals arrested in each case.

There were 3067 investigations during the period requested. Each one of these would need to be accessed separately, which would take an estimated minimum of 15 minutes per investigation. This activity would take one person over 100 days.

Section 12 of the FOI Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act, public authorities are required to provide the requester with advice and assistance especially where a request for information exceeds the appropriate cost limit. Therefore you may wish to consider refining your request to a single Service. However, exemptions may still apply.

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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