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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MULTI STAGE FITNESS TESTING

I refer to your e-mail of 17 April 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:

- “1. How many and what percentage of the Force’s Operational Officers (Firearms Qualified Officers) have now attempted the MSFT?**
- 2. How many and what percentage of the Force’s Non Operational Officers (Non Firearms Qualified) have now attempted the MSFT?**
- 3. What percentage have been exempted or excluded from having to qualify in MSFT?**
- 4. Do these figures provide results for 100% of the Force?**
- 5. Can these results also be listed Divisionally i.e. Nuclear etc?**
- 6. How many serving Officers have now been forced Medically or otherwise to leave or retire from the MDP due to failing to pass the MSFT?”**

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

- 1. How many and what percentage of the Force’s Operational Officers (Firearms Qualified Officers) have now attempted the MSFT?**
- 2. How many and what percentage of the Force’s Non Operational Officers (Non Firearms Qualified) have now attempted the MSFT?**

In relation to questions 1 and 2, we are unable to distinguish between operational and non-operational officers for the purposes of your request for information. However, as at 31

March 2018, around 2400 officers (or 93%) of the Force strength had undertaken the MSFT.

3. What percentage have been exempted or excluded from having to qualify in MSFT?

As at 31 March 2018, around 7% of officers had yet to undertake the MSFT for a variety of reasons.

4. Do these figures provide results for 100% of the Force?

Yes.

5. Can these results also be listed Divisionally i.e. Nuclear etc?

The MDP no longer has separate Nuclear and Territorial Divisions.

6. How many serving Officers have now been forced Medically or otherwise to leave or retire from the MDP due to failing to pass the MSFT?

No information held.

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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