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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. POLICE CARS

I refer to your e-mail dated 2 June 2018, which was received by us on 11 July and acknowledged on the same date.

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:

The oldest [i.e. since purchased] police car used by your force.

The average age [i.e. since purchased] of the car fleet used by your force in each of the last three years.

The number of police cars aged [i.e. since purchased] a) 0-1 years, b) 1-2 years, c) 2-3 years, d) 3-4 years, e) 4-5 years, f) 5-10 years, g) 10 years plus, and all as a percentage of the total number of police cars.

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

The oldest [i.e. since purchased] police car used by your force: 14 years old

The average age [i.e. since purchased] of the car fleet used by your force in each of the last three years:

2015 - 4.49 years

2016 - 4.81 years 2017 - 5.81 years

The number of police cars aged [i.e. since purchased]:

a) 0-1 years: 0 - 0% b) 1-2 years: 0 - 0% c) 2-3 years: 0 - 0% d) 3-4 years: 41 - 15% e) 4-5 years: 47 - 17% f) 5-10 years: 179 - 67% g) 10 years plus: 2 - 1%

Please note that the information provided above includes marked police vehicles (e.g. police cars, 4x4 vehicles, police dog vans, police minibuses etc) that were purchased by the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP). Since 2016, the MDP requirement for vehicles has been met through the Ministry of Defence Phoenix II programme. Vehicles supplied under the Phoenix II programme are not purchased by the force and are therefore not included in the information provided above.

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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