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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: IT BUDGET

I refer to your e-mail dated 16 August 2018, which was acknowledged on 16 August 2018.

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. What is your IT budget for FY 2018? Please provide a total budget, as well as a breakdown of how much budget will go towards each of the below:

- a. Maintenance of current IT infrastructure**
- b. Investment in digital transformation***
- c. Third-party management of IT infrastructure**

(*By digital transformation, we mean any large-scale technological projects which aim to create efficiencies within your specific police force.)

2. Which tools or systems* do you currently use to collaborate with other police forces and partner agencies? Please list all of these below

(*By tools or systems, we mean software-specific collaboration tools such as email, unified communications solutions, shared databases, video conferencing technology etc.)

3. Do you have any plans in place to adopt a cloud-first strategy over the next 1 – 5 years? If so, how much do you plan to invest in this?”

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

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The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) has a IT budget of approximately £5M. This budget provides both IT and Communications capabilities that are in addition to that provided by the MOD. As the MDP also consumes IT services from the wider MOD it is not possible to provide a further breakdown of expenditure in different categories.

2. Which tools or systems* do you currently use to collaborate with other police forces and partner agencies? Please list all of these below

As part of the MOD, the MDP does not have any specific software tools used to collaborate with other police forces beyond email and video conferencing. However, the MDP is a user of national policing systems, such as the AIRWAVE and the Police National Computer (PNC), to provide specific collaboration capabilities with other police forces and partner agencies.

3. Do you have any plans in place to adopt a cloud-first strategy over the next 1 – 5 years? If so, how much do you plan to invest in this?"

The MDP consumes IT services from the wider MOD. MOD ICT strategy follows that of wider government in the adoption of cloud technologies. Some capabilities used by the MOD / MDP have already migrated to cloud based services such as Office 365.

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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