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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE DOGS AND HORSES

I refer to your e-mail of 1 October 2018, which was 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:

- “1. How many police dogs were used by your force in 2008?
2. How many police dogs were used by your force in 2018?
3. What is the total average annual cost to the force of one police dog?
4. How many horses were used by your force in 2008?
5. How many horses were used by your force in 2018?
6. What is the total annual cost of to the force of one police horse?”

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.

1. How many police dogs were used by your force in 2008?

300

2. How many police dogs were used by your force in 2018?

239

3. What is the total average annual cost to the force of one police dog?

£1044 – This includes food and veterinary costs and treatment.

Please note we are unable to answer questions 4,5 and 6 as the Ministry of Defence Police do not use or have Police Horses.

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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