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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE INVESTIGATION INTO REPORTS OF CLOWNS

I refer to your e-mail dated 21 September 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:

"Please list every reported incident from the past three years where 'Clown' and/or 'Clown costume' and/or 'Clown fancy dress' appears in an incident log. Please also list how many arrests have been linked to these reported incidents, and any charges that have been brought."

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.

The Ministry of Defence Police have had one reported incident in 2016 of where "Clown" appears in the incident log. We have no arrests linked to this incident.

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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