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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 18 October in which you requested the following information:

I would like to request information on the Shift system that the MPGS operate on. This information was contained within 'MPGS Standard Operating Instruction (SOI) 004 - MPGS Shift System' but has recently become unavailable.

1. How many additional duties/standbys are MPGS soldiers required to cover per annum? 'SOI 004' states 9 additional duties but could possibly be raised to 15 additional duties with the CO's Lieu.

2. How many training days are MPGS soldiers required to cover per annum and the duration of each individual training day?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, and I am sorry that this response was not provided within 20 working days. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held. The response to your questions are below, as stipulated in the MPGS Shift SOI 004.

Q1. MPGS soldiers are required to cover nine additional duties per annum. This will only increase if a training day is not utilised.

Q2. MPGS soldiers are required to cover 12 Training days of 10 hours per day*, per annum.
* The reason it is 10 hours per day is because the majority of MPGS platoons are required to travel to and from ranges that are not local, which reduces actual Training time.

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Yours sincerely,

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