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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: WEAPON TRAINING AND KNEE PROTECTION.

We refer to your letter dated 29 October 2019 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the same date.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

- “1. Could you please confirm the full costing of sending the full complement of Ministry of Defence police from HMNB Devonport, Plymouth to train in the new weapon systems with home office police in West Midlands and Northumbria?**
- 2. What is the reasoning behind the other forces teaching the weapon system?**
- 3. Are the MOD Police firearms instructors not trained in the weapon systems if not why?**
- 4. Why do Ministry of Defence police not get issued with knee protection whilst carrying out training or other duties?**
- 5. What happens if an officer gets a knee injury and is no longer able to carry out the firearms role?”**

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. No information held. Funding for firearms training is not disaggregated to stations.

2. If internal training capacity is insufficient to deliver agreed training requirements, the force will consider other options to support training delivery. This includes some outsourcing to other forces where necessary.
3. MDP Firearms Instructors are trained in the weapons systems used by the force.
4. There is no current operational requirement for the use of knee protection whilst training or undertaking other duties.
5. If an officer sustains an injury and is unable to carry out their role, either temporarily or longer-term, action would be commenced under the Ministry of Defence Police (Performance) Regulations 2012.

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).

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Yours sincerely
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