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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – 5 QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE NISGS – POLICING POWERS**

Thank you for your e-mail dated 14 January, I can confirm that your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI (A)), and the process is now complete.

You asked for the following:

***“What professional standards organisations audit the nisgs as a policing body?”***

The Northern Ireland Security Guard Service (NISGS) are MOD Civil Servants employed to provide security to the Defence Estate. They are not a policing body and are not subject to a professional standards audit.

***Are nisgs officers trained to police authorised firearms officer standard?***

NISGS officers are not trained to police authorised firearms officer standard. They receive personal weapon training in line with the policies issued by The Small Arms School Corps.

***Is the nisgs part of the police federation?***

The NISGS is not a Police Force and therefore not part of the Police Federation.

***Do Nisgs officers gain any accredited training in their foundation course or in continuation training (in line with their colleagues in the MGS)?***

No, NISGS officers are not awarded any accredited certification in their foundation course. Training undertaken after initial induction course may be subject to specific accreditation but would be course specific.

***Do nisgs officers gain any personal safety or weapon retention training on their foundation course?”***

NISGS Officers receive Personal Weapons training during their Foundation Training Course. Can you please clarify what you mean by weapon retention training? Once clarification is received I will consider this question however please note that it will be treated as a new request.

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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