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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SCHEDULE 21 OF THE CORONAVIRUS ACT.

We refer to your email dated 7 May 2020 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 11 May 2020.

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:

“I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information about Schedule 21 of the Coronavirus Act.

Please could you answer the following?

- 1. Since the Coronavirus Act came into force on 25 March, how many times between then and 20 April has your force used Schedule 21?**
- 2. Please could you provide the date of each incidence of use? If that is not possible, please provide the week in which it happened e.g. w/c 30 March. If that is not possible, please provide the month in which it happened - March or April.**
- 3. Of the total number of times you used Schedule 21, how many times was it wrongfully used? This is something that might have been determined by a court. Please could you provide the dates for the wrongful incidents please? If that is not possible, please provide the week in which it happened e.g. w/c 30 March. If that is not possible, please provide the month in which it happened - March or April.**
- 4. Have you charged anyone with an offence under Schedule 21 because they did not answer a member of the police's question?”**

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.

As at 11 May 2020: Nil

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).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office