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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: ETHNIC BREAKDOWN OF CORONAVIRUS FINES.

We refer to your email dated 12 May 2020 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) Individual police forces in England have been reporting the number of fines they have issued for breaches of the government's public health regulations to the NPCC. You can see that data <u>here</u>. To date, the NPCC has published data on the number of fines issued for the period 27 March to 13 April, broken down by individual force and totalled for ethnicity. Please could you provide me with the ethnic breakdown of fines issued by your force for the period 27 March to 13 April. I would expect the categories to include, but not be limited to, White, Black, Asian, Mixed/Mixed Race. There may also be a category for people who did not self-identify their ethnicity.

2) I understand the NPCC has asked forces for more recent data. Please could you also provide me with the ethnic breakdown of fines issued for the period 13 April to 11 May. I would expect the categories to include, but not be limited to, White, Black, Asian, Mixed/Mixed Race. There may also be a category for people who did not self-identify their ethnicity."

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 ethnic breakdown of fines issued Between 27 March 2020 and 13 April 2020

White – 2

The ethnic breakdown of fines issued Between 13 April 2020 and 11 May 2020

White – 26 Asian - 6

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office