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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: BAME.

We refer to your email dated 12 July 2020 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 14 July 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:

1. **How many armed officers are there employed in the force?**
2. **How many of these are from BAME backgrounds?**
3. **How many are, specifically, black?**
4. **How many of these armed units have shot and killed in the last five years?**
5. **How many people killed by these armed units have been BAME?**
6. **How many people killed by these armed units have been, specifically, black?**
7. **How many people have these armed units have shot and wounded in the last five years?**
8. **How many people wounded by these armed units have been BAME?**
9. **How many people wounded by these armed units have been, specifically, black?**
10. **Can, if costs allow, this data be broken down year by year? If costs do not allow, can the total numbers be provided for the last five years, which are 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. If the force collects data by financial year this is 2015/6, 2016/7, 2017/8, 2018/9, and 2019/2020."**

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.

Please Note: The BAME figures are as recorded across the whole force, are not restricted to Authorised Firearms Officers alone and will only reflect those officers who have chosen to declare their ethnicity on the MOD Human Resources Management System which is not mandatory. The term “shot” has been taken to mean shot by a firearm (not Taser) and the term “wounded” has been taken to mean as a result of being shot by a firearm (and not any other type of wound).

Q1,2,3 and 10.

Financial Year	Number of armed officers	BAME officers (as at 31 Dec of each year)	Black officers (as at 31 Dec of each year)
2015/2016	2262	45	7
2016/2017	2329	49	6
2017/2018	2299	51	7
2018/2019	2296	56	8
2019/2020	2440	67	9

Q4,5,6,7,8 and 9 are all a Nil response.

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

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office