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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DRIVER TRAINING.

We refer to your email dated 2 August 2020 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 3 August 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 MDP officers are response trained?**
- 2) How many officers are compliant stop trained (not including the response and advanced trained officers)**
- 3) How many officers are advanced driver trained?**
- 4) Please can you provide the MDP Force policy on Police pursuits?**
- 5) How many operational police motorcycles does the MDP currently have?”**

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) 444

2) No Information held

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4) Pursuit

a) Officers will not engage in the pursuit of other vehicles other than in exceptional circumstances in accordance with specific nuclear operations authorised by ACC Ops and then only by suitably qualified officers.

b) Where identified as a specific requirement authorised by ACC Ops; the Driver Training Unit will provide or arrange relevant training that meets with national College of Policing standards.

c) A police driver is deemed to be in pursuit when a driver indicates by their actions or continuance of their manner of driving that:

they have no intention of stopping for police, and
the police driver believes that the driver of the subject vehicle is aware of the requirement to stop and decides to continue behind the subject vehicle with a view to either reporting its progress or stopping it.

d) In the majority of cases the vehicle is stopped and the occupant/s spoken to and dealt with; however in a minority of occasions, the driver will fail to stop. Continuing behind a subject vehicle in these circumstances is deemed to be a 'Pursuit'. Primary MDP action is the immediate discontinuance, withdraw and stop of the police vehicle in order to display to the subject driver that they have no intention to pursue. MDP officers faced with such a situation are to pass relevant details to the MDP Force Control Information Room (FCIR) and notify the local police regarding the subject vehicle and the nature of the activity causing suspicion.

All decision making should be based on application of the National Decision Model (NDM).

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office