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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CATERING FACILITIES.

We refer to your email dated 27 October 2020 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 28 October 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:

Please can I have the answers to the following questions below under the Freedom of Information Act 2002.

They relate to catering services across the Ministry of Defence Police estate:

- (a) How many catering establishments are in operation across the MDP estate and where are these located?
- (b) Have MDP participated in HM Treasury's 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme at any point since 1st July 2020 within any of these establishments?
- (c) If yes, in which of these establishments?
- (d) If yes, how much has been claimed or is likely to be claimed to date under this scheme;
- (e) Where possible, please provide a menu (prices unadjusted) for these establishments;

(f) At any of the force catering establishments, is dining subsidized?

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.

(a) How many catering establishments are in operation across the MDP estate and where are these located?

Ministry of Defence Police officers are deployed at a number of establishments across the defence estate and at other sensitive locations. Officers will use the catering establishments that are available at the sites where they are stationed, should they choose to do so. Some of these facilities will be privately run and a number will be operated by contractors working for MOD. There is one catering establishment at the Force Headquarters in Wethersfield that specifically caters for recruits, officers undertaking training and civilian staff based at the Headquarters and this response concerns that catering facility only.

(b) Have MDP participated in HM Treasury's 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme at any point since 1st July 2020 within any of these establishments?

No

(f) At any of the force catering establishments, is dining subsidized?

No

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