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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: STAFF AND OFFICERS BREACHING CORONAVIRUS.

We refer to your email dated 28 October 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:

Firstly, I would like data, please, on the number of staff and officers (broken down by rank) that have been permanently dismissed from the force for breaching coronavirus regulations this year.

In each instance, please provide clarity on which specific regulations they broke (not wearing a face covering, breaking a curfew, attending/hosting a mass gathering, etc)

Secondly, I would like data on the number of staff and officers (broken down by rank) that have been temporarily suspended from the force for breaching coronavirus regulations this year.

In each instance, please provide clarity on which specific regulations they broke (not wearing a face covering, breaking a curfew, attending/hosting a mass gathering, etc)

Thirdly, I would like data on the number of staff and officers (broken down by rank) that have received written warnings from the force for breaching coronavirus regulations this year.

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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.

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1 Police Constable

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Breaking self isolation regulations

Secondly, I would like data on the number of staff and officers (broken down by rank) that have been temporarily suspended from the force for breaching coronavirus regulations this year.

Nil

Thirdly, I would like data on the number of staff and officers (broken down by rank) that have received written warnings from the force for breaching coronavirus regulations this year.

2 Police Constables

In each instance, please provide clarity on which specific regulations they broke (not wearing a face covering, breaking a curfew, attending/hosting a mass gathering, etc)

Breaking self isolation regulations

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