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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE CAR INSURANCE.

We refer to your email dated 26 January 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 follow on information:

"Please can you tell me how many cars the force has written off between Jan 1st 2018 and Dec 31st 2020 and if you have made a claim against your insurance in respect to each case where a vehicle has been written off? Can you also tell me the full make and model of each car written off."

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.

Between 01/01/2018 and 31/12/2020, the Ministry of Defence Police Fleet Management department confirms that the following vehicles have been written off:

- 1 x Mitsubishi Shogun
- 1 x Ford Mondeo
- 1 x Skoda Fabia
- 1 x Land Rover Discovery

In line with HM Treasury guidance the MOD does not normally purchase commercial insurance policies to cover its legal liabilities as the cost of premiums would likely exceed the cost of paying claims for compensation. Instead, the MOD pays claims for compensation out of its current expenditure, i.e. MOD self-indemnification. Consequently,

the MOD is not governed by the terms of insurance policies but is subject to Departmental financial procedures and the common law to pay compensation, for example for its incurred legal liability such as acts of negligence.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely

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